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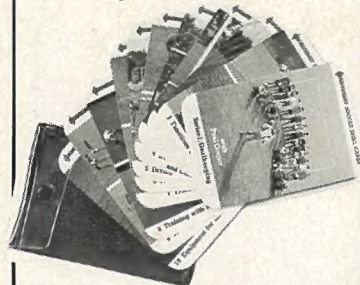
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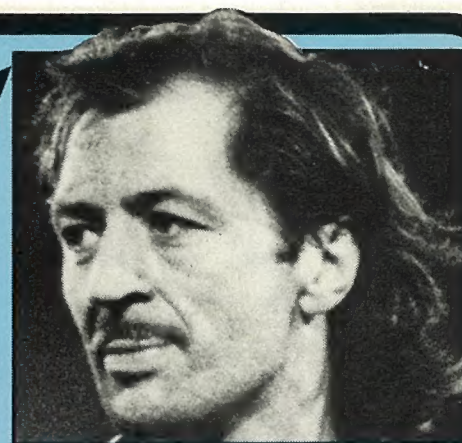
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QPR's Simon Stainrod is
challenged by West Brom's
Martyn Bennett in the battle for
a Wembley Final place.

My Story

by

FRANK WORTHINGTON



FOOTBALL has always been in my blood.

No matter what people may think about me
or my reputed lifestyle, I love the game and
it has always come first.

Professional football is all I've ever
known and I'm the fourth member of
the Worthington family to make a
living out of the game.

My late father, Eric, was born in
Manchester and started his career at
Old Trafford. He never made the grade
there but went on to play for Halifax
and Lincoln.

Brother Bob played for Barrow
(when they were in the League),
Grimsby and Southend, while my other
brother, Dave, saw service with
Halifax, Middlesbrough, Notts County
and Southend.

From the word go, my father gave
me every encouragement to play and
become a professional. He was the
biggest influence on my life.

My brothers went to a school just
down the road from our house near
Halifax, but there was no way I was
going there. It was a rugby school and
I was determined to play football.

Another important consideration for
me was that the place I wanted to go
to was mixed... boys and girls!

But Sowerby Bridge Grammar was
a very good school — my mother was
always telling me it was approved
anyway — so I didn't mind the extra
travelling.

Interest

I was reasonably intelligent, but I
just couldn't maintain my interest in
lessons. Although I was quite good at
French (I can speak the language
almost fluently) and art, football was
always on my mind.

In those days I just couldn't get
enough football and used to play every
moment I could. I would turn out for
the school on Saturday mornings and
then dash off to play for Rippenden
United in the afternoons.

Rippenden were quite unique
because we played in an all-black
strip. No-one had ever seen anything
like it, but it was just our way of being
different from the rest of the teams.

When I wasn't playing, I loved
nothing more than going down to
Halifax Town and training with my
older brothers.

Halifax were in the Third Division at
the time and all their players were
stars to me. I really enjoyed my trips
down to The Shay — it was great fun
being involved with a full-time club

THEY WHEN

and it was something to boast about to
my mates at school.

Because of my connections with the
club, everyone assumed that I'd sign
for Halifax, but it was Huddersfield
who beat them to my signature.

And it was former Halifax manager
Harry Hooper who took me to Leeds
Road! He'd just been sacked by the
club and had joined Huddersfield as
chief scout.

One of his first jobs was to come
round to my house and offer me a trial.
Within 24 hours, I'd signed
apprenticeship forms. I was on my
way!

Even though Halifax had always
been the family club, my dad was
delighted that a team of Huddersfield's
stature had come in for me. They were
a well established Second Division
side at the time.

I loved my days as an apprentice. I
had a great time and used to get up to
all sorts of tricks.

We were up to everything we
shouldn't have been and the only thing
we took seriously was the football and
training.

When it came round to doing the
chores, me and my best friend Billy
Lake were nowhere to be seen.

There was a big scoreboard at one
end of the ground and we used to hide
in it until all the jobs were finished.
Huddersfield manager Tom Johnson
and assistant Ian Greaves used to
search high and low for us, but they
never found out where we were.

One time, we got into real trouble
however... when Billy and I climbed
up the floodlights at Leeds Road! Ian
and the club secretary walked on to
the pitch one day to see us
three-quarters of the way up the
scaffolding.

Ian Greaves called us into his office

and gave us a right telling-off.

We used to train every morning plus
a couple of afternoons and evenings a
week and we'd think up any kind of
excuse to get the ball out and have a
kickabout.

That's something I feel is missing
nowadays. The youngsters don't seem
to have the same enthusiasm for the
game.

Succeed

Some boys think that the game
owes them a living and that
everything will happen for them. It just
doesn't work that way.

If you want something out of life,
you've got to be prepared to go out
and work hard for it. Nothing is going
to come to you on a plate.

I've always been determined to
succeed. I used to tell my friends that
one day I'd play for England. I can
clearly remember them laughing at
me.

But I've always been single-minded
and believed 100 per cent in my own
ability. That's what you need to get on.

Among the apprentices at
Huddersfield was Derek Parkin, who's
now with Stoke. Derek and myself
were the only ones to go on and
establish ourselves in the First
Division.

When I first joined Huddersfield, I
played for their fourth team in the
Leeds and District Under-18 League.
One of my fondest memories of those
days is the time I scored 15 goals in a
23-0 win!

But every day was special to me. I
was just excited about being a
member of a big club and rubbing
shoulders with players like England
World Cup winner Ray Wilson.



Left: My new Leeds team-mate Trevor Cherry — we played together in the 1970 Huddersfield promotion team. Right: Yours truly in those Huddersfield days.

FRANK WORTHINGTON is telling all . . . and he's telling it to Match Weekly!

Over the coming weeks, the new goalscoring hero of Elland Road will be revealing the inside stories behind a soccer career that began in the humble surroundings of the apprentice ranks at Huddersfield and reached a peak in the international arena.

Often amusing, sometimes sad, it's a compelling series with one of the greatest characters the game has ever known — and it's exclusive to Match!



LAUGHED I SAID I'D PLAY FOR ENGLAND

It was during my first year at Huddersfield that I got a chance to play at Old Trafford — the home of my boyhood heroes, Manchester United.

We were beaten 1-0 by a side which included Brian Kidd, but all I can remember about the day is how overwhelmed I was by the vastness of the stadium.

Even though I was small and frail, I was making quite good progress through the ranks and it wasn't long before I was knocking on the first team door.

But it still came as a surprise when, just after my 18th birthday, I was picked for the team to play against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park in a big Second Division promotion battle.

And I couldn't have asked for a better start because I set up the equaliser for John Coddington, who is now a coach at Middlesbrough.

After breaking into the first team however, I suffered a season of frustration. Ian Greaves, who'd been appointed manager, just couldn't make

his mind up about me. He thought I was a luxury at times.

I'm not one of your average players. I don't mean that in an arrogant way, but I was forming my own style and playing my way. I just couldn't understand why the manager didn't fancy me as a player.

In those days, Ian used to base his team on work-rate and graft. Because my game wasn't all about running, he was unsure about me.

Regular

He's a completely different man now. He'd changed a lot when I re-signed for him at Bolton. His basic principles of the game are different.

But I managed to persuade him that I was worth a regular place and then really made my name in 1970 when Huddersfield stormed back into the First Division with what was a record number of points.

Everything just clicked that year. I

was scoring goals, making them for others and we were riding high.

Promotion year was just a marvellous season from start to finish and was filled with cherished moments.

Clinching the trophy at Blackburn was perhaps the ultimate moment for me. I scored two goals in a 3-1 victory and we'd made sure of promotion with a handful of games to spare.

Ironically it was against Blackburn in 1977-78 that Bolton clinched promotion to the top flight . . . and I scored the only goal of the game!

In the promotion-winning Huddersfield team then were current Leeds skipper Trevor Cherry, former England winger Mick O'Grady, Chris

Cattlin and Northern Ireland international Jimmy Nicholson.

We had the basis of a good First Division side, but unfortunately no new players were brought in and we found ourselves out of our depth in the top flight. More about that next week.

● Frank Worthington was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

**Next week:
Rejected by
Liverpool . . . and
my playboy image.**

A bright future for Marustik

SWANSEA full-back Chris Marustik, capped by Wales for the first time in the recent 1-1 draw in Spain, has been named Robinson's Barley Water 'Young Player of the Month'.

The 20-year-old defender, who didn't earn a regular place in the Swansea side until the middle of December, is being tipped as an outstanding Welsh prospect.

"Without doubt, Chris has made giant strides in the past few months," says Wales manager Mike England.

"He had his introduction to senior international football in a very difficult match in Spain and he was quite outstanding.

"He has a marvellous future ahead of him both at club and international level."

The other winners this season have been: Ian Rush and Ronnie Whelan (Liverpool), Mike Hazard and Mark Falco (Spurs), Charlton's Paul Walsh and Barnsley's Ian Banks.

Regional winners in March were: North West — Derek Mountfield (Tranmere); North East — Peter Haddock (Newcastle); Yorkshire — Ian Banks (Barnsley); Midlands — Danny Thomas (Coventry); London and South — Ricky Hill (Luton).

WOODS CAN GO

NORWICH City are releasing £125,000 winger Clive Woods.

Clive, signed from East Anglian rivals Ipswich two seasons ago, hasn't played in the Norwich side since last October.

Hammer shows his mettle . . .

BELGIAN ace Francois Van der Elst is thanking West Ham for his recall to the World Cup scene.

The £400,000 midfielder has been promised a place in Belgium's World Cup Final squad by manager Guus Thys after a two-year absence from the international arena.

He last played for Belgium in the European Championship Final defeat by West Germany in Italy two years ago, shortly before his move to New York Cosmos.

"West Ham have made me a better player," he says.

"I am a more complete player now, much stronger and more adaptable."



Francois Van der Elst — West Ham have made him a more complete player.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

WINNING WOLVES

WOLVES, have the best programme in the Football League, according to 'Programme Monthly'.

Their programme proved to be a comfortable winner of the first-ever 'Programme of the Year Numeric Testing System', beating Third Division Reading into second place.

In these awards, points are given over twenty categories, reflecting the various facets which combine to produce programmes of interest to fans and collectors alike.

Manchester United finished third overall and runners-up to Wolves in the First Division table.

Leicester topped Division Two from Luton and Chelsea.

Reading took the Division Three honours from Southend and Newport, while Hull topped the Fourth Division from Port Vale and Wigan.

Kevin Keegan says . . . ORDER NOW

LAST week, I whetted your World Cup appetites with news of a fabulous free gift soon to be given away with Match Weekly.

Full details of the gift will be published in the magazine very soon and the Editor has asked me not to reveal too much now — so I won't spoil the surprise.

But I can tell you that it's something you won't want to be without for the World Cup.

And I also know that it's only part of a really exciting package that Match Weekly has in store.

The magazine is well-known for its excellent competition prizes — look at the Bobby Charlton Soccer Schools courses on page 15 of this issue — and I know some really great ones have been lined up for May and June.

One of them involves me and I really hope you'll like it. I'll give you more details in my Match Weekly column soon.

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A ROYLE APPOINTMENT

FORMER England striker Joe Royle is looking for a job in soccer management after being forced to quit the game through injury.

The 33-year-old forward, who was voted Norwich City's 'Player of the Year' last season, is prepared to take over at any League club.

"I know I've no divine right to get a job in football, but I feel I could do a good job given the opportunity," he says.

"I want to stay in football and I'm prepared to start right at the bottom if necessary to get into management.

Joe, signed from Bristol City for £60,000 two seasons ago, has been out of the Norwich first team since being injured against Leicester in December.

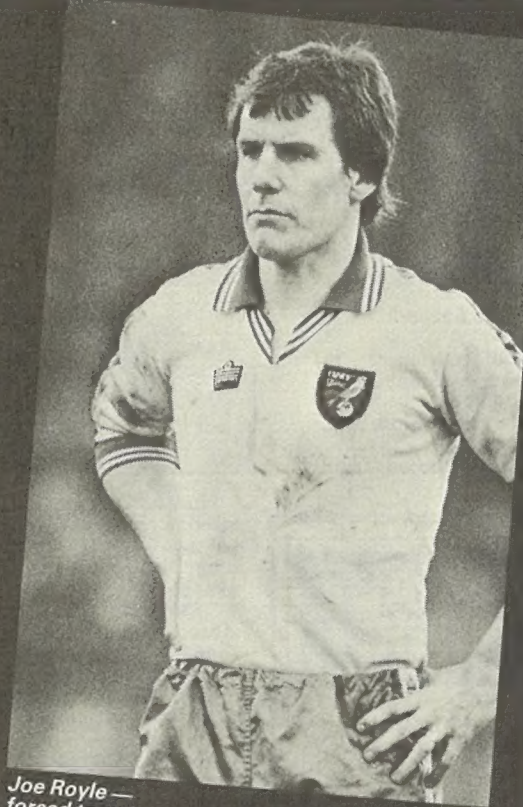
Now he has been forced to accept medical advice that the injured knee, which needed a cartilage operation at the start of the season, can no longer stand up to the strain of top grade soccer.

"It's a terrible way to end 17 years in the game, but at least I can look back and say that I've enjoyed it.

"I decided to announce my retirement before the end of the season because it's so frustrating going to the training ground every day and watching everybody playing while I've got ice packs on my knee."

Liverpool-born Joe started his career with Everton and made a total of 473 League appearances with them, Manchester City, Bristol City and finally Norwich.

He collected 152 League goals and earned six England caps, the last against Luxembourg in 1977.



Joe Royle — forced to quit.

BY THE BOOK

A MINI-encyclopedia, featuring the involvement of the British teams in the World Cup since 1950, has been produced by BBC Scotland's 'Sportscene' TV show.

The book, priced at £1.45, has been compiled and researched by freelance broadcaster Fraser Elder, and it takes the form of a bumper quiz.

Called 'All You Need To Know About the World Cup', the book is available from 'World Cup Handbook', BBC Scotland, Queen Margaret Drive, Glasgow G12.

CALYPSO UNITED

DID you know that there's now more than the equivalent of a complete team of West Indian born players in the Football League?

They include Brendon Batson and Cyrille Regis (West Brom), Noel Blake (on loan to Shrewsbury from Aston Villa), Tristan Benjamin (Notts County), Leroy Ambrose (Charlton), Luther Blissett (Watford), Bob Hazell (QPR), Floyd Streete (Cambridge), Tony Cunningham (Lincoln), Cec Podd and Joe Cooke (Bradford City), Trenton Wiggan (Sheffield United) and Keith Walwyn (York).

KEVIN'S CALAMITY

NORTHAMPTON defender Kevin Farmer must rank as one of the unluckiest players of the season.

After being out of action since last September with a knee injury, he ended up in hospital again with a broken nose sustained in the very first minute of his comeback match in the reserves.

Meanwhile, Northampton have been given permission to retain the services of Brentford defender Pat Kruse for the rest of the season.

GORDON GOES BACK TO CANADA

BRENTFORD striker Gordon Sweetzer has returned to Canada after a brief spell in the Third Division.

He joined Brentford from Toronto earlier this season but only played seven first team games.

He's now returned to the North American League with Edmonton Drillers.

SCHOOLBOYS BID FOR WEMBLEY GLORY

THE finals of the English Schools' Football Association/Smiths Food six-a-side championship will once more take place prior to the England v Scotland schoolboy international at Wembley on June 5.

There, the four area champions from the South West, South East, North West and North East will compete for the Smiths Cup, currently held by Raglan Junior School, Enfield, Middlesex.

The area finals are scheduled to take place on May 15 when the following county champions will compete for a Wembley place:

South Newbarns Junior School, Cumbria; Ravenor Middle, Middlesex; Robert Bruce Middle, Beds; Broomhill Junior, Avon; Buckland Middle, Hampshire; St Mary's RC, Lancashire; Kelloe, Durham; Park South Junior, Wiltshire; Wold Junior High, Humberside; Willingdon County Primary, Sussex; Elm Tree Middle, Suffolk; Wadebridge Junior Boys, Cornwall; Alderman Richard Hallam Junior, Leics; Buttsbury Junior, Essex; Wistaston Green CJ, Cheshire; Tadcaster Junior, North Yorks; Bishop Kirk CE(A) Middle, Oxfordshire; Ravensbury Street Junior, Greater Manchester; Harborne Junior, West Midlands; Stoke Poges County Middle, Bucks; Charlton Kings Junior, Gloucs; Mount Pleasant Lane JM, Herts; Malvern, Merseyside.

COUNTY'S McALLE

FORMER Wolves defender John McAlle has been signed by Derby from Sheffield United for £10,000.

He had been on loan for two months but a contractual delay held up a permanent deal.

John joined Fourth Division United at the start of the season after 407 League appearances for Wolves.

WHITEHEAD BLOW

WEST Brom look like being without £100,000 midfielder Clive Whitehead for the rest of the season.

The former Bristol City player has been out of action since February with a groin injury.

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Andy Gray puts Wolves first!

Focus on the Scottish World Cup hopeful who put club before country when the chips were down . . .

ANDY Gray was prepared to sacrifice his chance of playing in the World Cup Finals to help struggling Wolves avoid relegation.

The Scottish international striker agreed to play in midfield in a bid to halt his team's sad

slide towards the Second Division.

"I put club before country when I said I'd play a deeper role. I knew it wouldn't do my Scottish chances any good, but Wolves pay my wages and I'd hate to see them go down," said Andy.



Now he's back in his favourite striking role and hoping he can salvage a World Cup place from what he describes as: "my worst ever season."

"The World Cup party isn't a closed shop yet and I'm sure there's still a chance for me but I've got to string some impressive performances together and score some goals."

Andy, who was in the squad of 40 for the 1978 Finals in Argentina but failed to make the final 22, has been a member of Scotland's party for seven of the eight qualifiers this time around.

"I felt terribly down when I didn't make it to Argentina. It will be much worse if I miss out again."

"But there's no room for sentiment in football so it's up to me to prove to manager Jock Stein that I'm worth a place."

It's been a wretched season for Wolves with the club torn apart by boardroom battles and a cash crisis that led to the departure of their popular manager John Barnwell.

"It was a very difficult time for me when John left because he was the main reason why I went to the club," said Andy, who moved from Aston Villa in September 1979 for a then British record fee of £1,469,000.

"The conflict within the club certainly didn't help morale on the field and obviously results have suffered."

"It affected me particularly because every day there were rumours that I was being sold. In the end, I just didn't know whether I was coming or going. I was being tossed about like a rag doll."

Andy Gray — "It's been my worst ever season."

"Even now, I could be on my way at any time. The club is desperate for money and they've said that they will listen to any reasonable offers for me."

It's been Andy's goals — three in his first three games back from injury — that have given the hard-up club a hope of First Division survival.

After taking maximum points from their two games over Easter, Wolves forced the battle at the bottom of the table wide open again.

Andy came on as substitute and scored the only goal of the game at Nottingham Forest, and then followed up with goals in the magnificent 4-1 win over Manchester City and 1-1 draw with Birmingham.

"Before Easter, Sunderland, Middlesbrough and ourselves looked dead certainties for relegation. That's all changed because we all came through the holiday fixtures with vital wins."

"If we hadn't managed to pick up a few points during that spell, I'm sure we'd have gone down," added Andy.

"We've been playing with a pretty settled side over the last month and confidence is high again. At last we seem to be getting a little bit of luck."

"Because the club has no money to buy players, Ian Greaves has had to rely on youth to get us out of trouble and they've done him proud."

"There's still a long, hard battle to be fought, but at least we've got hope of avoiding the drop," added Andy.

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'Match' discovers why Billy Jennings couldn't wait to leave Orient . . .

BILLY'S BLUNDER

Billy Jennings — "If Orient hadn't been such a friendly club, I'd have gone off my head at Brisbane Road."

NEW Luton striker Billy Jennings spoke this week of his two-year struggle at Orient and admitted: "I made a mistake when I joined them."

The former West Ham star is now enjoying a new lease of life with the Second Division title favourites after a transfer deadline day move from Brisbane Road.

"I'm not slagging the club, but I quickly regretted making the move to Orient. I went there in the first place because it was easy for me.

"Orient are the friendliest club around and I mean no disrespect to them. It just didn't do my career any good when I moved there.

"I've always had a fair goal-scoring record, but my ratio wasn't good in my two years at Orient. In the end, I couldn't wait to get away.

"The team was always struggling and I found it hard to score goals. The football didn't stimulate me there.

"It wasn't long after I signed that I began to wish I could turn the clock back. If they hadn't been such a friendly club, I'd have gone off my head," said Billy, who moved to Orient for £100,000 in August 1979.

"At the time of my move, I just wanted first team football. I'd been out of the West Ham side for nearly a year following an Achilles tendon injury.

"I don't think West Ham thought I'd get over it, so they rebuilt the team and brought in David Cross and 'Pop' Robson as the regular strikers.

"When Orient came in with a bid, I jumped at the chance. At the time, I saw the move as a step up the ladder."

Struggling

Billy started his career at Watford and joined West Ham in 1974. He picked up an FA Cup winner's medal and scored 33 times in 99 League outings during five years at Upton Park.

But while things didn't go so well for him at his next club he says: "It saddens me to see Orient struggling at the bottom of the Second Division because they are a great little club. Unfortunately, I can't see them avoiding relegation.

"In many ways, it could do them good to go down. It didn't harm Charlton when they were relegated." All Orient need to do is regain the habit of winning.

Billy hopes that his free transfer to Kenilworth Road will also help him regain the winning habit.

"After playing for West Ham in the Final of the European Cup-Winner's Cup in 1976, my career stood still. It all went sour for me.

"Luton's interest came as a complete surprise. Although I had been on the transfer list for some time, I expected to finish the season as an Orient player."

Billy is under no illusions that he's got a tough fight on his hands to establish himself in the first team. He says: "Manager David Pleat made it plain to me that I was a squad player.

"Strikers Brian Stein and Steve White have done a great job and I didn't expect to walk straight into the

team. I'm just happy being involved with the club."

Billy made just the right impression with the Luton fans when he scored on his debut in the 2-0 win over Norwich after coming on for the injured David Moss.

"I was delighted to come on and score. It was just the start I needed. I was due to play in the next game against Newcastle, but had to miss it through injury."

Billy is signed up until the end of the season. After that, he'll be a free agent again.

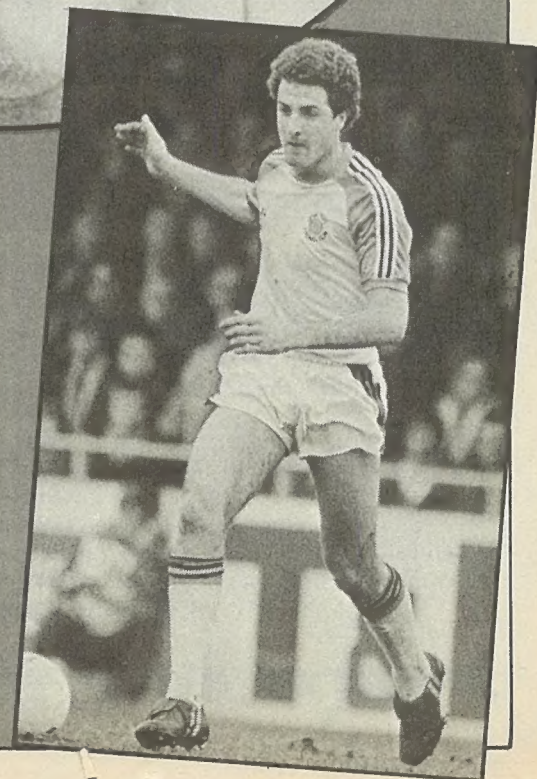
"The arrangement suits both parties fine because it means we can both take a close look at each other before coming to a firm decision.

"If I do sign for Luton on a permanent basis, it will mean I'll have to move house and live up here. That's an important consideration because my wife likes our present house.

"At the moment, I'm travelling to the club daily," added 29-year-old Billy.

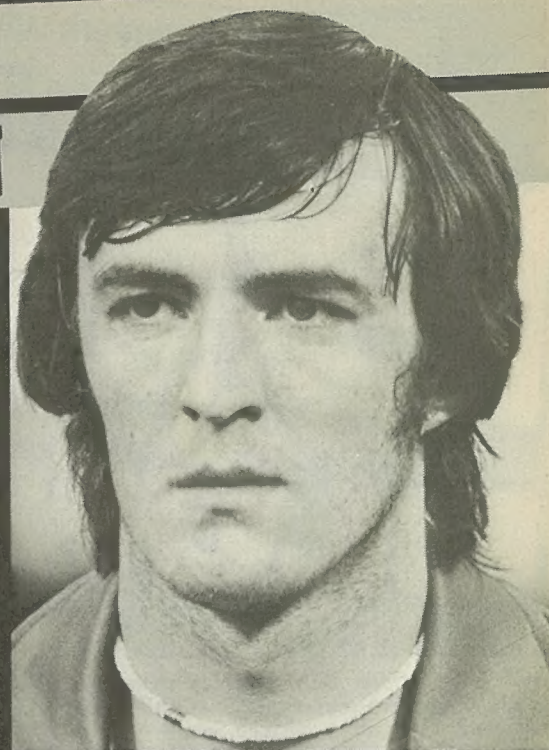
"I'm really enjoying my football with Luton. It's like being back at West Ham because both teams like to play football."

RIGHT: Steve White — the Luton striker has done "a great job", says Billy Jennings.



VAN DER ELST MAKES A WORLD CUP PREDICTION

Last four, England



Above: Francois Van der Elst — "I've always regarded football over here as the best in the world and I haven't been disappointed. I'm sure England will do well in Spain."

WEST HAM'S Belgian ace Francois Van der Elst believes that England are good enough to reach the Semi-Finals of the World Cup.

While many pundits are writing off England as 'no-hopers' in Spain, the midfield star reckons Ron Greenwood's men could be one of the surprise packages.

Since his £400,000 move from New York Cosmos at the end of last year, Francois has played against most of England's top stars.

And he says: "Manager Ron Greenwood has a very difficult job because of the demands of the English football season, but he's built up a very strong side that includes a lot of talented players."

"I'm sure they'll do very well in the World Cup Finals. I expect them to reach the last four."

"I've always rated my old friend Kevin Keegan as world class, but since I've been playing here I've been particularly impressed with Glenn Hoddle of Spurs and my team-mate Trevor Brooking. They've got marvellous skills."

"I've really enjoyed playing alongside Trevor. He makes it so much easier for his team-mates because he's very good at holding the ball and waiting for the right openings."

Francois made the move from America to help his bid to become part of Belgium's plans in the World Cup Finals.

And following some useful performances for the 'Hammers', he was selected for the Belgian squad to play Bulgaria earlier this week.

The selection followed a two-year international exile. His last appearance for his country was against West Germany in the Final of the European Championships in Italy.

"The Belgian manager Guy Thys told me that if I came back from America he would select me for the World Cup Finals. He never saw me play in the States so he couldn't pick me."

"But he flew over to England and watched me in West Ham's 1-1 home draw against Swansea and included me for the next international."

"It's great to be back in the international set-up. I don't regret going to America but I've always wanted to play for Belgium again."

European

Francois believes that thanks to the rigours of First Division football with West Ham, he's back to the sort of form which made him such a hit in the European Championships of 1980.

"I'm playing better than ever now and much of the credit must go to English League football."

"It's so much harder than it is across the Atlantic, but I expected it to take me a little time to get used to it."

"I've always regarded football over here as the best in the world and I haven't been disappointed. It's just as competitive and exciting as I thought it would be."

"The biggest problem for me when I came

over here was getting myself physically fit. I hadn't trained for about seven weeks before I joined West Ham and it took some time before I built myself up."

Unfortunately, Francois didn't enjoy the best of debuts. He learned at first hand the shocks the FA Cup can throw up when West Ham were bundled out of the competition by Second Division Watford.

"That was a big disappointment for me because I'd love to play at Wembley in a Cup Final. Now I'll have to wait until next season!"

"Since I arrived, West Ham have had their injury problems and that's been reflected in the results, but I've been quite happy with my own form."

"Now we're aiming for a place in Europe next season. I love European competitions and it would be a great achievement if we could qualify in our first season back in Division One."

Ironically, it was Francois who, while at Anderlecht, scored two of the goals which helped beat West Ham 4-2 in the Final of the 1975-76 European Cup Winners Cup.

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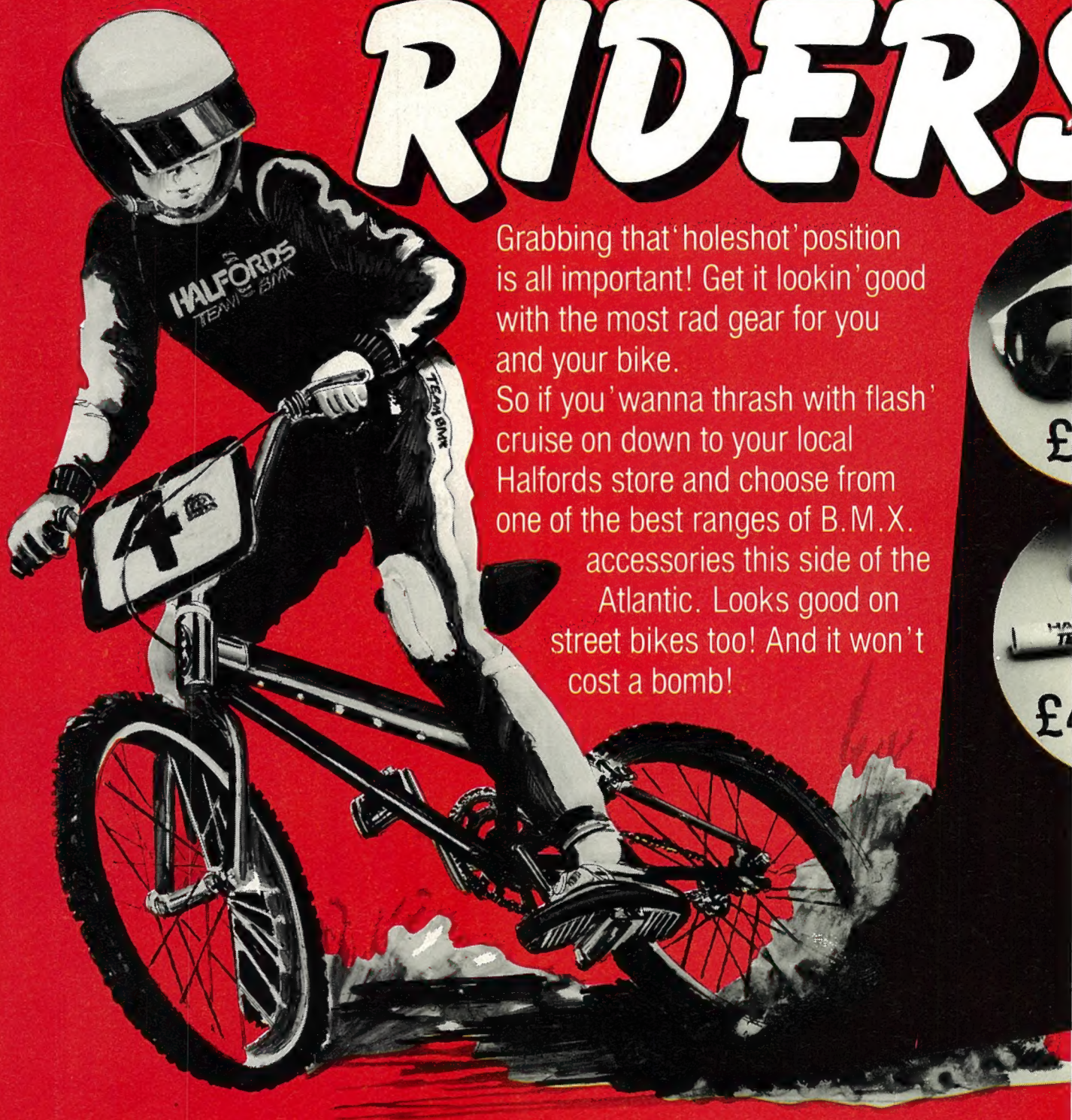
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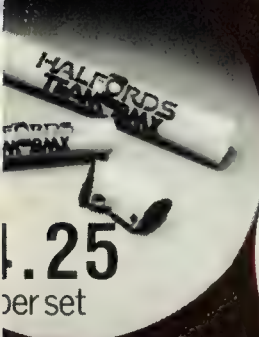
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The **PAUL MARINER** column

MY World Cup hopes are still alive.

Although I was not selected for England's match in Wales this week, I still believe I shall be ready to do battle in Spain this summer.

I just hope that manager Ron Greenwood gives me the opportunity to stake a claim by including me in the initial party of forty players.

I was naturally disappointed not to be recalled to the England squad for the Welsh clash although being realistic, I never expected it after just two First Division matches.

I didn't have a very impressive outing in front of the England manager during Ipswich's disappointing 2-0 home defeat of Stoke, but I know that he appreciated the fact that I'm still rusty after my Achilles tendon operation.

Although I knew in advance that he would be in the stands, it didn't put any extra pressure on me.

I was just re-assured that he had taken the time to have a personal check on the fitness of myself and team-mate Terry Butcher.

As it turned out, Terry made a dramatic return to the international scene, although his opportunity came quicker than

expected due to the absence of Dave Watson and the injury to Alvin Martin.

Obviously I spent all weekend wondering whether my name would be included in the squad, but I would have been surprised if it had.

It just means that I must stake my claim for Spain by playing well in an Ipswich side that is chasing Liverpool hard for the Championship.

It was encouraging to read that Mr Greenwood had said that my fitness would be "no problem", but I shall feel a lot more secure once I see my name in the squad.

At the moment, he obviously feels that I need more match practice to recover my sharpness before returning to the England set-up and that other strikers deserve a chance.

I now have my eyes on being recalled for the friendly with Holland at Wembley later this

month when I could be on trial for my place in Spain.

As far as I am concerned, my season is very much alive with so much to play for at both club and international level.

And the great thing at the moment is that I've had no reaction to my ankle operation.

I was nervous and apprehensive when I made my First Division comeback in the 3-2 home win over West Ham at Easter.

Delighted

I didn't know how I would react to First Division football after a lengthy lay-off, but both the manager and myself were delighted with my fitness and contribution.

It was an important game for me and Terry Butcher in more ways than one.

Apart from our obvious personal reasons, the manager would have been criticised for changing the team had we slipped up in what was a crucial match.

But we both came through with flying colours before our biggest crowd of the season.

It was great to make my return along with Terry, whose nose injury had caused a great deal of concern at the club.

It was quite strange, too, being policed by Alvin Martin, who is vying for the centre-half spot in Spain with Russell Osman and Terry Butcher.

In the end, I think honours were even, although I was saddened a few days later to hear of Alvin's shoulder injury.

After such a brilliant attacking match against West Ham, the visit of Stoke was something of an anti-climax — even though I

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The Ipswich and England centre-forward reveals his inner feelings on his First Division comeback.

scored my first goal since the middle of January.

I felt rather sorry for the paying public. We didn't play well, the match was disappointing as a spectacle and Stoke came with no intention of winning.

It was a poor match but at least we had the consolation of three more points to boost our cause.

I was disappointed with my own performance from a technical point of view, but, as the manager said afterwards, I scored a goal and laid on the other for John Wark, so he couldn't complain.

The race is well and truly on to catch Liverpool, but we all know at Ipswich that we face a tall order.

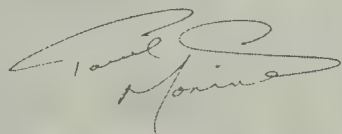
We have got to win all our remaining matches and just hope that Liverpool slip up somewhere along the way.

We'll push them all the way,

but once they get their noses in front, they don't allow you much of a nibble at them.

But we have everything to play for. If we don't win the Championship, then we want a place in the UEFA Cup, because it's important for the club to have European football again next season.

And, for people like myself, Terry Butcher, Russell Osman, John Wark, Alan Brazil and Mick Mills, we all have our eyes on the World Cup Finals in Spain.



• Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.



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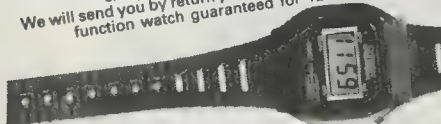
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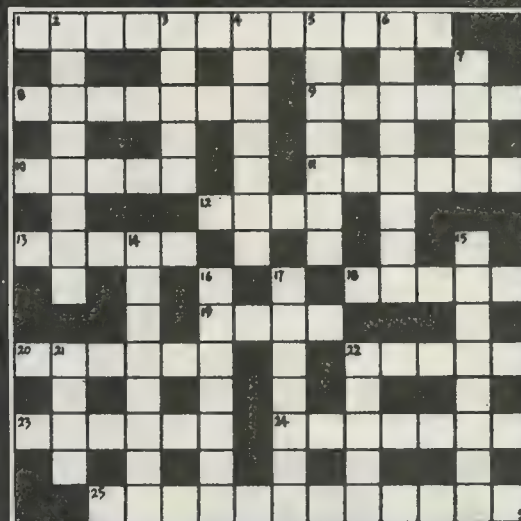
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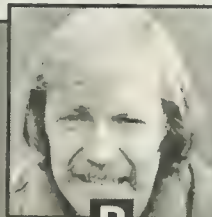
- 1 Crystal Palace purchased this forward from Bristol City early this season... (5, 7)
- 8 ... whilst it's not so long ago since Coventry signed this former Palace player (7)
- 9 'Any 'ere?' (anagram) — a former Leeds and England star (6)
- 10 Clubs finishing the season at the foot of the Fourth Division have to — for re-election (5)
- 11 A simpler way of saying: 'In that position in a match where the goal balance is tilted in favour of the opposition' (6)
- 12 Shipperley, say (4)
- 13 Mr Nelson, to name but one example (5)
- 18 Caswell, could be (5)
- 19 — McLeish (Aberdeen & Scotland) (4)
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- 22 After playing 500 matches for Leicester, Graham — went off to play for 25 across, Brighton, Preston and Lincoln! (5)
- 23 Bristol Rovers are 'The —s' (6)
- 24 Benjamin's first name (7)
- 25 One of the clubs whose ground is called Recreation Ground (12)

Down

- 2 The 'E' in the abbreviation 'ECWC' (8)
- 3 The first name of the West Bromwich Albion youngster who shares a surname with 22 across (5)
- 4 The managers of this famous club since World War 2 have been called, in order, George, Tom, Jack, George, Billy, Bertie and Terry (7)
- 5 When they sold Leighton James to Derby in 1975 it was their record sale; when they bought him from QPR in 1978 it was their record buy! (7)
- 6 Either of the two deals in 5 down, for example (8)
- 7 Coney, could be (4)
- 14 'D. C. Hogman' (anagram) — an Eire international (8)
- 15 Defender Julian — was one of the eight Bristol City players whose contracts were bought up by the club this year (8)
- 16 The nickname of the club which has more-or-less monopolised the top spot in Division Two this season (7)
- 17 'Let's eat' (anagram) — in this American soccer city (7)
- 21 Potts, perhaps (4)
- 22 — Britton managed 5 down, Everton, Preston and Hull (5)



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B



C



D

IN RESERVE

PICTURED above are four experienced 'keepers who are currently playing in the reserves for their First Division clubs. Can you name them and the teams they play for?

Blankety blank

CAN you fill in the blanks in the following statements?

1 finished up as Crystal Palace's leading scorer in the League last season.
2 Liverpool's former England striker David Johnson started his League career with
3 Fourth Division York City moving to White Hart Lane.

play at and are nicknamed
4 finished as champions of the Scottish First Division last season. They play at
5 Spurs striker Steve Archibald played for and before moving to White Hart Lane.

RIDDLE TIME

HE'S a much-travelled Fourth Division striker who started his career with Wolves and has seen service with Bolton, Northampton, Carlisle, Birmingham, Blackpool and Luton before moving to the North with his current club.

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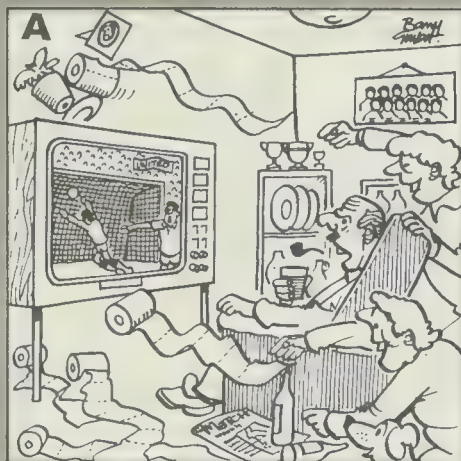
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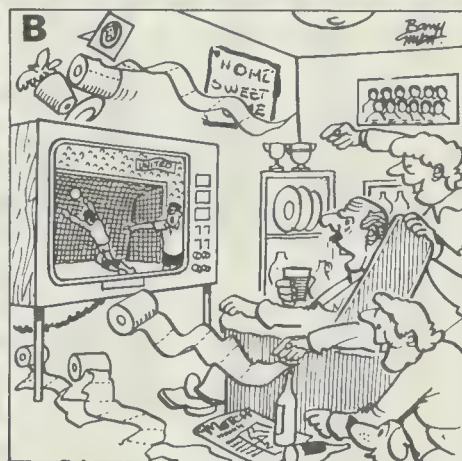


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IMAGINE that the referee fails to turn up for a match and you are asked to take charge. See how you would fare with the whistle by answering the following questions:

A. A player leaves the field of play without your permission. Should he be booked?

B. A player punches the ball into his own net in trying to stop a goal-bound shot. Should the goal stand or is it a penalty?

C. A player can stand as close as he likes to an opponent taking a throw in. True or false?

SOLUTIONS

MAN IN THE MIDDLE: A — Yes, he should be booked. B — The goal should stand. C — True, as long as the player throwing the ball is not impeded.

SOCCERWORD: Across: 1 Kevin Mabbutt; 8 Francis; 9 Reaney; 10 apply; 11 Godden (West Brom); D Peter Wells (Southampton). Down: 2 European (Cup Winners' Cup); 3 Nicksy; 4 Arsenal; 5 Burnley; 6 transfer; 7 Dean; 14 McDonagh; 15 Marshall; 16 Hatters (Luton); 17 Seattle; 21 Eric; 22 Cliff.

IN RESERVE: A Paddy Roche (Man. Utd); B Eric McManus (Stoke); C Tony Men; 4 Hibernian and Easter Road; 5 Clyde and Aberdeen.

EUROPEAN PICTURE SPECIAL



Flying the flag — that's Tony Morley proclaiming Aston Villa's victory in Europe.



VILLA VICTORIOUS





ASTON Villa are the toast of British football after earning themselves a place in the European Cup Final for the first time in the history of the club.

They now meet Bayern Munich in the Final on May 26 in Rotterdam — bidding to keep the trophy in England for the sixth year in succession.

In the end, a Tony Morley goal scored in the first leg of the Semi-Final at Villa Park proved to be enough to defeat Belgian Champions Anderlecht, who were held to a goalless draw on their own soil.

But while last Wednesday brought a night of celebration for Aston Villa, it was a night of despair for Tottenham, who crashed out of the Cup Winners' Cup Semi-Finals at the hands of Barcelona in Spain.

Danish international Allan Simonsen scored the only goal of the second leg to give the Spanish Cup holders a 2-1 aggregate victory and so shatter Spurs treble bid.

Our picture special from the second leg ties tells its own story...

VILLA VICTORIOUS... Aston Villa march through to the European Cup Final. Above: Peter Withe (above) outjumps Anderlecht's Walter De Greef as Luke Peruzovic looks on.

Right: Three's company. Kenny Swain, Gordon Cowans and Gary Shaw are in celebratory mood after the match.



VILLA VANQUISHED

VILLA VANQUISHED... Ricky Villa, Tottenham's Argentinian star, tastes defeat in the Cup Winners' Cup Semi-Final against Barcelona. And the bearded midfield ace found the Spanish tackling uncompromising... as our pictures show.

FRANCE

Watch for Platini

ALTHOUGH France may not be around when the second phase begins, they could leave a lasting impression on the tournament through the cultured feet of Michel Platini.

The St.-Etienne midfield general, top scorer in France's qualification programme, has

the ability to emerge as one of the Finals' outstanding players.

His dictatorial presence in the middle of the French engine room could throw a spanner in the works of England's machine in the opening match of Group Four.

France will be seeking inspiration from the brilliant Platini to give them a crucial victory against England in a clash that will mean so much to both teams.

But, as with the French side in general, Platini can be something of an enigma.

France were less than convincing in reaching Spain.

They lost in Holland, Belgium and Eire, and it was due in the main to their opening 7-0 swamping of Cyprus that they managed to edge Eire out on goal difference.

But when in the mood, they have the natural ability to open defences with devastating ease, as Northern Ireland found to their peril recently in a 4-0 pasting in Paris.

Apart from Platini, his St.-Etienne team mate Jean-Francois Larios and Stuttgart winger Didier Six are also key men in the French unit, while Bordeaux striker Bernard Lacombe was among the goals in the qualifying matches.

In defence, St.-Etienne's Christian Lopez and Bordeaux's elegant sweeper Marius Tresor are bound to prove major stumbling blocks for England's attack, but manager Michel Hidalgo may have problems in selecting a goalkeeper.

The probable three for Spain, Jean Castaneda, Jean Bertrand-Demanes and Dominique Baratelli are all relatively inexperienced.

HOW THEY GOT THERE

EUROPEAN GROUP TWO:

Cyprus 0, France 7 (Platini 2, Larios 2, Six, Lacombe, Zimako) — Limassol, Oct. 11, 1980.

France 2 (Platini, Zimako), Eire 0 — Paris, Oct. 28, 1980.

Holland 1, France 0 — Rotterdam, March 25, 1981.

France 3 (Soler 2, Six), Belgium 2 — Paris, April 29, 1981.

Belgium 2, France 0 — Brussels, Sept. 9, 1981.

Eire 3, France 2 (Bellone, Platini) — Dublin, Oct. 14, 1981.

France 2 (Platini, Six), Holland 0 — Paris, Nov. 18, 1981.

France 4 (Lacombe 2, Rocheteau, Genghini), Cyprus 0 — Paris, Dec. 5, 1981.

LEADING SCORERS: Platini 5, Lacombe, Six 3.

FINAL TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Belgium | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 11 |
| FRANCE | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 8 | 10 |
| Eire | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 11 | 10 |
| Holland | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 9 |
| Cyprus | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 29 | 0 |

Germany-based forward
Didier Six — one of France's

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP FOUR

June 16 — England (Bilbao);
June 21 — Kuwait (Valladolid);
June 24 — Czechoslovakia (Valladolid).

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If he is given room to parade his multi-talents, then France have the natural ability to unsettle the more workmanlike approaches of England and Czechoslovakia.

There is no doubt that France are a big danger to their First Round rivals, but firm policing of Platini could prevent them from achieving their Second Round goal.

● FIRST ROUND EXIT



FRANCE: Back row (left to right) — Didier Christophe, Gerard Janvion, Rene Girard, Philippe Mahut, Christian Lopez, Jean Castaneda.
Front row — Maxime Bossis, Alain Couriol, Jean-Francois Larios, Bruno Bellone, Michel Platini.

Probable squad

| PLAYER | AGE | TEAM | POSITION | CAPS |
|-----------------------|-----|------------------|------------|------|
| Jean CASTANEDA | 24 | St.-Etienne | Goalkeeper | 6 |
| Jean BERTRAND-DEMANES | 29 | Strasbourg | Goalkeeper | 11 |
| Dominique BARATELLI | 34 | Paris St Germain | Goalkeeper | 20 |
| Gerard JANVION | 28 | St.-Etienne | Defender | 32 |
| Christian LOPEZ | 29 | St.-Etienne | Defender | 34 |
| Marius TRESOR | 32 | Bordeaux | Defender | 51 |
| Maxime BOSSIS | 26 | Nantes | Defender | 35 |
| Patrick BATTISTON | 25 | St.-Etienne | Defender | 16 |
| Manuel AMOROS | 20 | Monaco | Defender | 2 |
| Michel PLATINI | 26 | St.-Etienne | Midfield | 33 |
| Jean-Francois LARIOS | 25 | St.-Etienne | Midfield | 13 |
| Alain GRESSE | 29 | Bordeaux | Midfield | 12 |
| Bernard GENGHINI | 24 | Sochaux | Midfield | 6 |
| Jean TIGANA | 26 | Bordeaux | Midfield | 10 |
| Didier CHRISTOPHE | 25 | Monaco | Midfield | 6 |
| Dominique ROCHETEAU | 27 | Paris St Germain | Striker | 23 |
| Bernard LACOMBE | 29 | Bordeaux | Striker | 28 |
| Didier SIX | 27 | Stuttgart | Striker | 35 |
| Jacques ZIMAKO | 30 | Sochaux | Striker | 14 |
| Bruno BELLONE | 19 | Monaco | Striker | 3 |
| Alain COURIOL | 23 | Monaco | Striker | 4 |
| Gerard SOLER | 28 | Bordeaux | Striker | 5 |

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WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP FIVE:

June 16 — Spain (Valencia)
June 21 — Northern Ireland
(Zaragoza), June 24 —
Yugoslavia (Zaragoza).

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None

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Cuba 0 — Nov. 8, 1981.

Honduras 2 (Caballero,
Figueroa), Canada 1 — Nov. 12,
1981.

Honduras 0, El Salvador 0

Honduras 0, Mexico 0

LEADING SCORERS (qualifying
tournament and play-offs):

Figueroa and Bailey 6,
Bernardéz 5, Bueso 2.

FINAL TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| HONDURAS | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 8 |
| El Salvador | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Mexico | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| Canada | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| Cuba | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 4 |
| Haiti | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 2 |

Baptism of fire

UNRATED Honduras are promised a real baptism of fire when they make their World Cup Finals debut this summer.

They have the daunting prospect of facing host country Spain in the opening game in Group Five in a Valencia arena that will be a red-hot sea of seething passion and fervour.

They will no doubt step into history with some trepidation, rather like matadors about to dice with raging bulls in front of a hostile and frenzied crowd.

It could be an unnerving first experience of international football at this level, and there must be fears within their own camp that they could be sunk without trace.

But, should they come through the ordeal with some semblance of respectability, then their confidence could be intact to confront further tough battles against Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia.

Honduras were certainly impressive in qualifying from the Concacaf section.

After winning the Central Zone with only one defeat — at the hands of fellow World Cup finalists El Salvador — they were unbeaten in the play-offs which they hosted for the first time.

It was not a surprise in that part of the world because manager Chelato Herrera had his squad training together for two years in a bid to reach Spain.

Roberto Figueroa and James Bailey were the main dangers in the qualifying competitions with six goals each, while Salvador Bernardéz weighed in with five, including a hat-trick against Panama.

In the Concacaf finals, they defeated Haiti, Canada and Cuba, with the loss of only one goal, and had goalless draws with El Salvador and Mexico.

Goalkeeper Julio Arzu was a key figure in the finals, and his ability will surely be tested to the full when they embark on their World Cup expedition.

Below: Salvador Bernardéz — five goals en route to Spain.



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This week — France and Honduras.

MATCH VERDICT ★

LIKE their Central American rivals El Salvador, Honduras will be going to Spain for the ride.

It's a new experience for the tiny country at this level of competition, and all they can hope to achieve is an education without too much embarrassment.

They can't expect much more from clashes with host country Spain, Yugoslavia and British hopes Northern Ireland. Their opening duel with Spain could develop into a shattering experience.

● FIRST ROUND EXIT

Probable squad

| PLAYER | AGE | TEAM | POSITION |
|--------------------|-----|----------------|------------|
| Julio ARZU | 25 | Real Espana | Goalkeeper |
| Oscar BANEGAS | 23 | El Motagua | Goalkeeper |
| James STEWARD | 35 | Marathon | Goalkeeper |
| Efraín GUTTIÉREZ | 22 | Universidad | Defender |
| Antonio COSTLY | 26 | Real Espana | Defender |
| Fernando BULNES | 35 | Universidad | Defender |
| Jaime VILLEGAS | 31 | Real Espana | Defender |
| Hector ZELAYA | 23 | El Motagua | Defender |
| Luis CRUZ | 29 | Marathon | Defender |
| Hernández GARCIA | 27 | Marathon | Defender |
| Ramon MADARIAGA | 26 | El Motagua | Midfield |
| David BUESO | 23 | El Motagua | Midfield |
| Salvador BERNARDEZ | 26 | El Motagua | Midfield |
| Javier TOLEDO | 23 | Marathon | Midfield |
| Juan MURILLO | 24 | Universidad | Midfield |
| Carlos CABALLERO | 22 | Real Espana | Striker |
| James BAILEY | 26 | Real Espana | Striker |
| Roberto FIGUEROA | 22 | Deportivo Vida | Striker |
| James COSTLY | 22 | Real Espana | Striker |
| Jorge URQUIA | 35 | Atletico Indio | Striker |
| Tony LAING | 23 | El Motagua | Striker |
| Juan CABALLERO | 22 | Real Espana | Striker |

● Accurate figures relating to each players' number of caps are unavailable.

HONDURAS:
Back row (left
to right) —
David Bueso,
Efraín Gutierrez,
Jaime Villegas,
Julio Arzu,
Hector Zelaya,
Antonio Costly.
Front row —
Fernando Bulnes,
Ramon Madariaga,
Carlos Caballero,
Jorge Urquiza,
Roberto Figueroa.



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GOAL FEVER

RIGHT: The ball is on its way into the net from the head of Manchester United's Kevin Moran (partially hidden by West Brom's number two, Brendon Batson) to earn United a 1-0 victory at Old Trafford.



BELOW: Oh yes! A delighted Gary Megson (left) congratulates an equally happy John Pearson on his match-winning goal for Sheffield Wednesday against Newcastle at Hillsborough.



RIGHT: Ipswich goalkeeper Laurie Sivell fails in an attempt to punch clear from a Gordon Cowans corner and the ball falls to Aston Villa's Ken McNaught (5) to score Villa's consolation goal in their 3-1 League defeat at Portman Road.



IT'S that man Ian Rush again! Birmingham goalkeeper Jeff Wealds makes a despairing dive as Liverpool number nine Rush scores his second in the 3-1 League victory over the 'Blues' at Anfield. Birmingham's David Langan (on line), Geoff Scott (5) and Van den Hauwe are powerless to help.

Ashley's agony

Match talks to Eire international Ashley Grimes on his comeback from serious illness...

DOCTORS thought that Manchester United's Ashley Grimes had contracted the potential killer disease malaria when he returned from a club tour of Malaysia.

The Eire international caused the scare when he went down with a tropical-type fever... sickness, hot and cold flushes and a pounding heart beat.

And Ashley revealed: "It was very worrying because no-one knew for sure what the problem was. At first, they thought I'd got malaria so they put me on a course of tablets.

"The fever remained, so the club sent me to a specialist who diagnosed it as rheumatic heart fever. He put me on a different course of tablets and told me to take four months complete rest.

"The virus makes the heart beat much faster than normal and I ended up not being able to eat or sleep properly. It was a very depressing time for me.

"I went down to the training ground a couple of times when I was getting better. As I watched the lads, I vowed I'd never moan again if I ever got fit."

But Ashley's problems didn't finish with the 'mystery' illness. On his return to duty for the reserves at Bolton in February, he twisted his ankle ligaments and was out for another month.

"I felt really bad when I came off against Bolton. I began to wonder when all my injury problems would end.

"As far as playing football is concerned, the last 18 months have been a joke for me. I've written them off as bad memories. My problems started when I had a couple of knee operations last season."

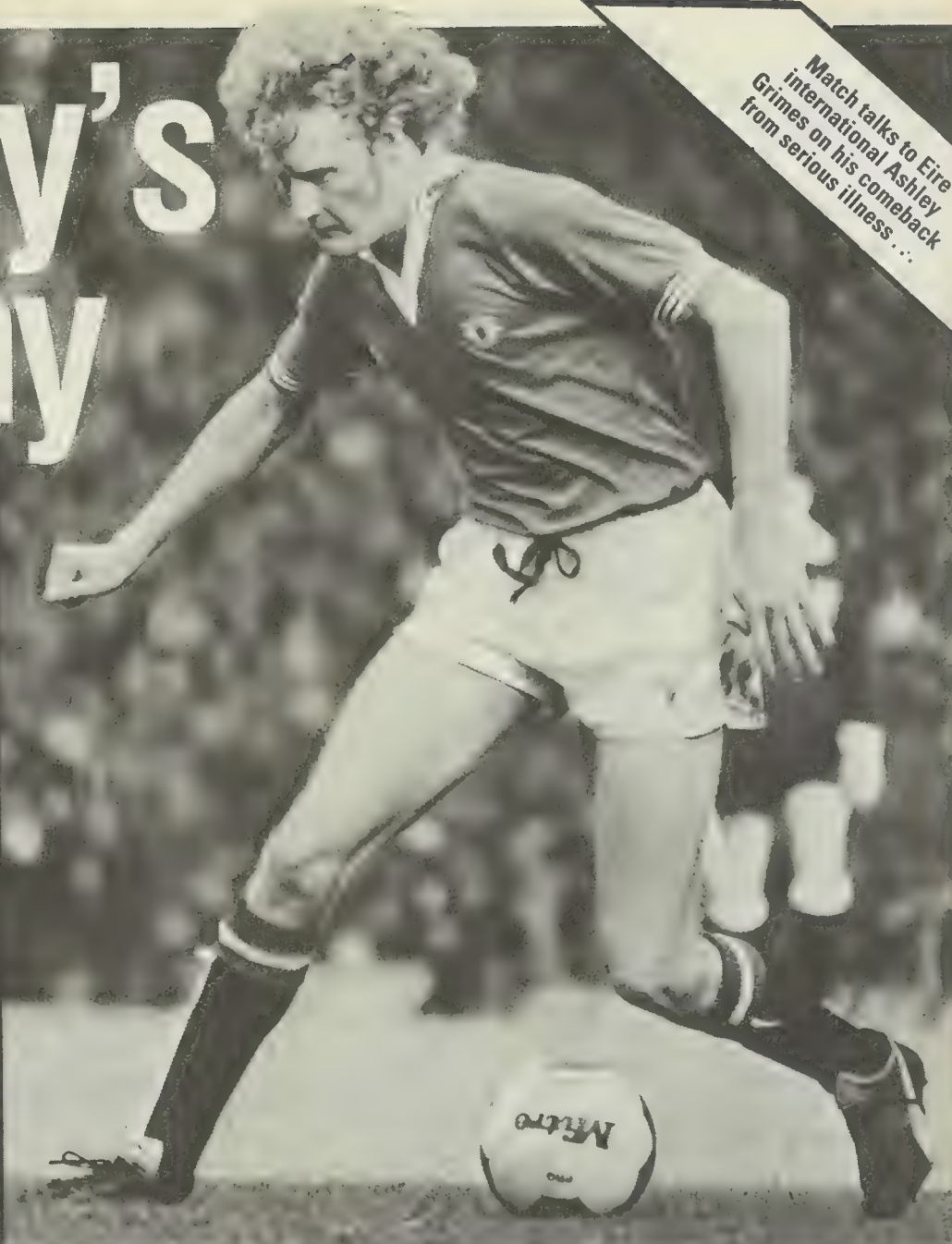
Ashley made his long-awaited return to the first team against Liverpool at Old Trafford when he came on for the injured Martin Buchan.

He was back on the substitute's bench for the next match at Goodison Park, but came on at half-time to score in a thrilling 3-3 draw with Everton.

"I really enjoyed that goal. It was just the start I needed," added the 24-year-old.

But Ashley knows he faces perhaps the biggest challenge of his career as he tries to establish himself in United's expensive midfield.

"That's going to be a very difficult job. I know I've only been in the side recently because of injuries to other players.



"It's been disheartening for me to watch new midfielders come to the club, but it's a great position for the team to be in.

"We are overcrowded with midfield players and I expect the manager will be selling some of his players in the close season. I want to stay at Old Trafford, but the final decision is his."

Ashley refused a chance to talk to Brighton earlier

this season, but he explained: "At the time, all I was interested in was getting fit again.

"I don't regret that decision now because I've been involved in the first team. It could be a different story if I find myself in the reserves.

"But I'm not looking too far ahead at the moment. All I want to do is establish myself in the first team and reclaim my place in the Eire side."

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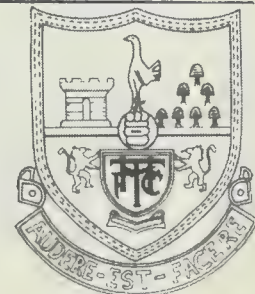
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STAR GALLERY



QPR striker Mike Flanagan will play a big part in his club's bid to take the FA Cup away from Tottenham in the Final at Wembley, says Lawrence Coaker (13), of Pinner, Middlessex.



COMMANDING and determined — that's Aston Villa's centre-half Ken McNaught. Ken has been drawn by Robert Wall (15), of Bournville, Birmingham.

BARNSELY striker Derrick Parker (below) has been drawn by John Norris (17) of Elsecar, Barnsley. He says: "Derrick has formed a lethal partnership up front with Trevor Aylott".



MANCHESTER City's £1 million striker Kevin Reeves (above) deserves a place in 'Star Gallery' because he always gives 100 per cent, says Lina Patel (15) of Leyton, London.



One Gary Bailey...

BAILEY for England! And I hope England's manager-to-be gets the message.

Gary Bailey is one of the best keepers around and, if he were Scottish or Welsh, he would already be an international.

Ray Clemence, Peter Shilton and Joe Corrigan can only stay at the top for another two years, so the next England boss should take a look at Gary.

Richard Smith, Hadleigh, Essex

BRITAIN UNITED

● **BRITAIN** should have just one combined international team and then we would surely have a side to beat the world.

Stephen Sinclair, Chesterton, Cambridge.

MACHINE GUNNERS

ARSENAL should let their talented players — like Kenny Sansom, Graham Rix and Alan Sunderland — play their natural game.

The 'Gunners' have great players on the staff. Manager Terry Neill and Don Howe should allow them to express themselves.

Kenny Sansom is one of the best attacking full-backs in the country but he's been restricted and doesn't go forward as often as he used to.

There have been reports that Diego Maradona might join the Highbury club. What a waste of a world class player that would be!

John Baker (15), Sittingbourne, Kent.

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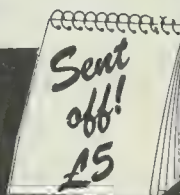
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Dad's army at Leeds

I'm outraged at Leeds boss Allan Clarke for signing old players like Kenny Burns and Frank Worthington.

He needs young players like Glenn Hoddle, Cyrille Regis, Gary Shaw and Bryan Robson. Pinderjit Rai, Handworth, Birmingham.

● **Who doesn't need players like Glenn Hoddle?** The problem is persuading them to join a club like Leeds — even if they had the money. And there's nothing wrong with Burns and Worthington. You're off!



DONS ARE DYNAMIC

I'm outraged that only First Division clubs Wolves and Ipswich were mentioned in 'Match' when Moscow Dynamo were on tour in this country recently.

Wolves lost to the Russians and Ipswich drew, yet there was a Third Division team who actually managed to beat the Moscow side — Wimbledon.

Why weren't they mentioned. Come on 'Match', play fair! Jim Smith, Great Crosby, Liverpool.

● **THERE'S** little point in crowing over a friendly win when Wimbledon face the drop into Division Four at the end of the season. Still, any victory is welcome at Plough Lane. You're booked.

World Cup's missing stars

I'm outraged that neither Wales nor the Republic of Ireland are going to Spain this summer. Just think of all the class players who will be missing the event — O'Leary, Lawrenson, Brady, Whelan, Stapleton, Rush, Leighton James, Curtis etc.

The only decent players the other home countries will be sending are Francis, Hoddle and Dalglish. Rory Stephens, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

● **They are in trouble then, aren't they?** But at least they are going to Spain. You're booked.

OSSIE — YOUR VIEW



Ossie Ardiles -
World Cup star
Argentina

Shame on Leicester boo-boys

WHEN I sat down to watch my favourite team Spurs play in the FA Cup Semi-Final I was disgusted to hear the Leicester fans booing one of the greatest players in the world today.

Osvaldo Ardiles, the Argentine World Cup star, was being booed just because of his nationality.

But he was not at Villa Park to raise the Argentinian flag or declare that, single-handedly he had taken over the Falkland Islands.

He was just there to play football and help his team secure a place in the FA Cup Final.

Is that such a crime?
Didn't the Leicester fans realise that Ossie had enough on his mind? He was already sad enough at leaving his good friends and team-mates with no idea whether he would ever

return to this country again. I would have thought that grown men would have had the sense to realise what pressures he was under, but instead they intended to make his last game with Spurs this season the saddest and most unhappy event of his football career. Elaine Fletcher (14), Chester Green, Derby.



Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands and the subsequent treatment dished out to Argentinian Ossie Ardiles in the FA Cup Semi-Final between Spurs and Leicester provoked a barrage of letters to Terrace Talk.

Here's a selection of the letters we received on the subject and the over-riding theme is **KEEP POLITICS OUT OF SPORT!**



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KEEP THEM OUT!

I WOULD like to say how disgusted I was at the comments attributed to Spurs' manager Keith Burkinshaw after the FA Cup Semi-Final between Spurs and Leicester.

He slammed the fans who jeered Ossie Ardiles and, while I have never wanted politics to affect sport, I believe on this occasion he was wrong.

Many British people feel strongly about Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands and I don't believe Ardiles should be allowed back into this country unless the Falklands issue is cleared up.

The fans were right to jeer Ardiles. I would be happy to see both Ardiles and Ricky Villa playing in England when the Falklands issue is all over, but at the moment they should not be in this country. Mike Laney, Portishead, Bristol.

■ I'M sure I speak for all true football followers when I say how sad it would be if Osvaldo Ardiles does not return to this country.

Unfortunately, after the disgusting way he was treated by a section of Leicester fans, I don't think he will.

Then, the mindless idiots who disguised themselves as Leicester fans, can be proud of the fact that they helped deprive the British public of the skills of one of the best players in the world. Stephen Scanlon, Roby, Merseyside.

■ THE Leicester fans who booed Ossie Ardiles are just the kind who will let down England in the World Cup Finals.

I wish Ossie luck with Argentina in the World Cup and hope he will come back to England. David Engley, Tamworth, Staffs.,

Good luck

FULL marks to the Spurs fans who chanted "There's only one Ardiles" at the FA Cup Semi-Final with Leicester. At least they gave him a farewell to remember as he left for Argentina's World Cup preparations. Football and politics should not be mixed and my message is 'good luck Ossie'. Jennifer Keeping, Lilliput, Dorset.

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... Vaughan walks tall after shock call up

AT five feet five inches, Newport's Nigel Vaughan is one of the smallest players in the Football League.

But at the moment he's walking round his home town feeling ten feet tall after his shock inclusion in the Welsh squad for the British Championship clash with England.

The 22-year-old midfield dynamo, in the same mould as Leeds' former Welsh skipper Brian Flynn, has been more concerned with Newport's relegation battle than full international honours.

Even after two impressive displays for the Welsh Under-21s this season, it still stunned Nigel when Wales manager Mike England drafted him into the squad.

"It came as a shock," says Nigel, bidding to become the first Newport player to represent Wales for 26 years.

"When informed of my selection by a reporter, I thought he was taking the mickey.

Phone calls

"It was only after several phone calls from journalists that I realised that there was something in it.

"I had not thought about playing for Wales this season.

"My main concern has been to help Newport stay in the Third Division, and then perhaps bid for a place in the Welsh squad next season.

"I know Mike England was impressed with my displays for the Under-21's, but I didn't expect a call-up at this stage — even though it has always been in my dreams.

"It's said I'm in the same mould as Brian Flynn, but I'm an inch taller and he's bigger round the chest!

"It may be that I'm only in the squad for experience at this stage. Someone else might get the same chance next time."

Nigel expects to sign a new contract with Newport this

summer.

And while he admits that staying in the Third Division with Newport could be a handicap to his hopes of playing regularly for Wales, he's prepared to take that gamble.

"I shall sign a new contract if I'm offered one by the club," says Nigel.

"Put it this way, I don't think anyone else is interested at the moment.

"I know I would stand a better chance of international

Focus on Divisions

Three and Four

with Melvyn Beck

honours in the higher divisions, but I'm happy with Newport.

"I know Fulham's Gordon Davies has struggled to get a place in the squad despite scoring a lot of goals in the Third Division.

"But if I can play well for Wales when I get the chance, then I have just got to hope that I can stay in the squad."

It's all gone rather sour for Newport this season, just a year after they had gone desperately close to a place in the Semi-Finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

They've struggled near the bottom all season and Colin Addison is back in charge after the sacking of Len Ashurst.

"That experience in Europe last season was tremendous, but this season we have been unable to find any real consistency," he says.

"In some games we can score three or four goals, and then fail to score in the next one.

"But we are too good to go down and I just hope that we can get a change of fortune next season."



Nigel Vaughan — walking tall after a shock call up to the Wales squad.

Ton-up Robbie

PETERBOROUGH top scorer Robbie Cooke marked his 100th appearance for the club with his 28th goal of the season.

It clinched victory for Peterborough in their vital promotion battle with Bradford City and took his goal tally in two seasons of League and cup football to 57 goals.

Trevor on target

FORMER Dorchester striker Trevor Senior scored his first goals in League football during Portsmouth's 3-0 home win over Reading.

He was signed by the Third Division club for £20,000.

Fine example

ROY McFarland decided to set an example to his players at Bradford City.

After accumulating 20 disciplinary points and a suspension, the Fourth Division club's player-manager fined himself a week's wages!

Nisbet cashes in

PLYMOUTH full-back Gordon Nisbet is making manager Bobby Moncur regret his promise of £5 for every goal he scores.

The boss thought he was on to a good thing considering that Gordon had managed just one League goal in 12 years.

But in the space of six games recently, he scored goals in the home wins over Walsall, Exeter and Wimbledon to collect a handy bonus of £15.

Crash stars are best of friends

ITALIAN midfield star Giancarlo Antognoni has gone out of his way to show he has no hard feelings towards Genoa goalkeeper Silvano Martina.

It was in a collision with Martina earlier this season that Antognoni sustained a fractured skull. But when the teams met in a return fixture, the two players posed together for

photographers.

And Antognoni has helped to clear Martina's name in the courts by constantly clearing him from blame.

Meanwhile, Antognoni returned to the international scene during Italy's 1-0 friendly defeat in East Germany. Lothar Hause headed the only goal to put another dent in Italy's World Cup preparations.



Antognoni — no hard feelings



ONLY SIX WEEKS TO GO

Real trouble!

SPANISH giants Real Madrid could lose two of their star players next season.

West Germany's World Cup sweeper Uli Stielike and Spanish winger Juanito are both seeking moves.

Bayern Munich and Hamburg are keeping tabs on Stielike, who wants to return home when his contract expires later this year.

But Real Madrid president Luis De Carlos is fighting his hardest to keep the club's 'Player of the Year'.

Meanwhile, Juanito could line his pockets with lira if released by Real. He is being linked with Italian aces Juventus and Inter Milan.

RUMMENIGGE RETURN DELIGHTS DERWALL

WEST German manager Jupp Derwall was pleased for more than one reason when his team defeated Czechoslovakia 2-1 in Cologne.

Not only did the Germans play with arrogance and style, but he saw his skipper and star striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge return after a knee injury.

The European 'Footballer of the Year' had missed Germany's

recent tour of South America.

Goals from Pierre Littbarski, in front of his home crowd, and a Paul Brietner penalty saw the Germans home, while Bicovsky scored for the Czechs, who hotly disputed the penalty decider.

■ WORLD Cup holders Argentina, with Tottenham's Osvaldo Ardiles back in the side, have once again failed to impress their own fans in their build-up.

After being held on their own territory by Czechoslovakia and West Germany, they also had to be content with a share of the spoils against Russia.

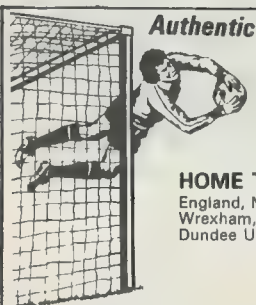
Ramon Diaz put Argentina ahead but Russia levelled matters in the 68th minute through Khoren Oganessian.

"We didn't have any luck," complained Argentina manager Luis Cesar Menotti.

Cash crisis

WORLD Cup minnows El Salvador are finding it difficult to make ends meet.

They are so short of cash that they can only afford to take 18 players to Spain instead of 22, and they have already requested a big cash advance from FIFA to help with their expenses.



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The DAVID CROSS Column

THE West Ham striker raises doubts about his future at Upton Park...



AT THE CROSSROADS

WITH just a few weeks of my contract left to run, I'm undecided about my future with West Ham.

I have had preliminary talks with manager John Lyall, but at the moment I don't know whether I shall be leading the 'Hammers' attack next season.

This is not to say that I'm unhappy with life at Upton Park, but at 31, I'm at the stage in my career where I've got a crucial decision to make.

And I've no intention of rushing into signing any contracts before I've made certain that it's going to be the right decision.

Depending on the length of my new contract, this could be my last one, and, whether it's with West Ham or someone else I've got to make certain it suits me.

I shall be considering every possibility during the final weeks of the season before reaching a decision and, when I do, John Lyall will be the first to know.

In the meantime, my main concern is to try and help West Ham achieve a place in next season's UEFA Cup, although successive away defeats at Ipswich and Coventry have left us with plenty to do.

Excuses

Injuries to key players like Alvin Martin, Billy Bonds and Alan Devonshire have obviously checked our progress, but First Division clubs can't hide behind injuries.

They can only be offered as reasons, not excuses.

But amidst the injuries has emerged the consolation of seeing youngsters like George Cowie and Tony Laronda make strong claims for places next season.

Young George was particularly impressive at full-back in the 3-2 defeat at Ipswich, after waiting something like four years for a first team chance.

Looking back on that game, in many respects we were a little unlucky not to return with a point.

We had to re-shuffle the side before the kick-off, and then again after 15 minutes when Jimmy Neighbour limped off, but we showed plenty of spirit in coming back from being 2-0 down to push Ipswich all the way.

My only consolation in defeat was scoring both our goals. They were my first since the end of January, although I have missed a few matches through injury.

I'd not felt any extra pressure because of my lean spell, but it was a satisfying feeling to get back on the scoresheet.

But I was disappointed to lose 1-0 against my old club Coventry on the day when I was given the honour of leading out West Ham for the first time.

With Billy Bonds and deputy Frank Lampard injured, Trevor Brooking skippered the side at Ipswich, but I was given the job against one of my former clubs.

However, I couldn't even do that properly because I lost the toss! And we ended up losing a game we should really have won.

It was in that game that England defender Alvin Martin had another injury scare and his hopes of playing in the World Cup Finals seemed over.

Fortunately, the shoulder was only bruised and he should be fit enough to stake his claim for the England side in Spain.

Alvin has come on in leaps and bounds over the past two years with his confidence being boosted by his England appearances.

He is a dominant and aggressive player in the air and he has more skill than some people realise.

In the past, his desire to parade his skills in defensive situations often proved his undoing, but in the last two seasons he has eliminated that.

Although Alvin is a bright, long-term prospect for England, he must be considered as a candidate for the World Cup Finals this summer.

This season, I haven't played against any central defenders who could do a better job for England than Alvin.

He's also dangerous from set-pieces as he proved in the vital World Cup clash with Hungary when he had a hand in Paul Mariner's winner.

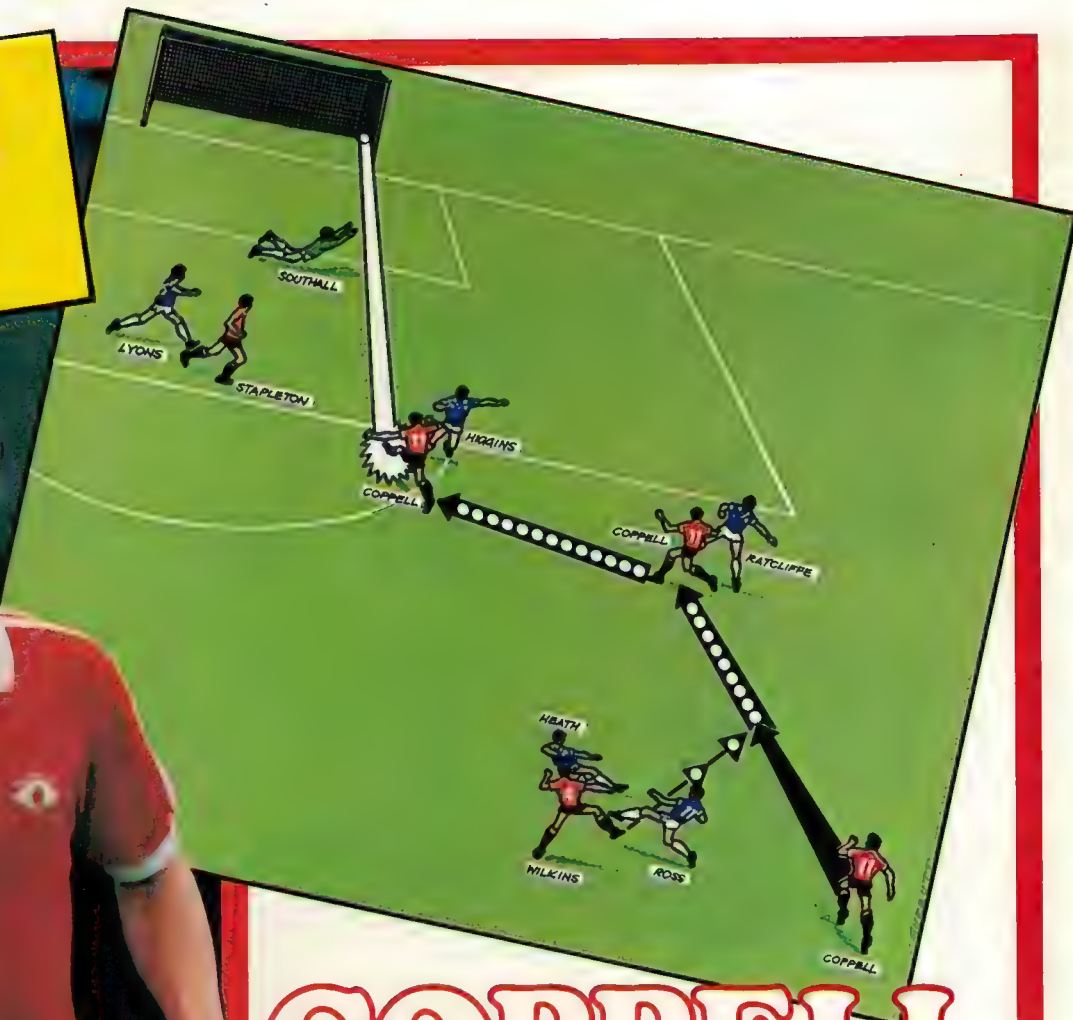
I think he would be quite capable of collecting one or two goals from dead-ball situations in the World Cup Finals.

David Cross was talking to Melvyn Beck.



Alvin Martin — "I haven't played against a better central defender than him this season."

GOLDEN GOAL



COPPELL CLASSIC

**Steve Coppell (Man. Utd.)
v Everton, Division One,
Goodison Park,
Sat., April 10, 1982.**

ENGLAND winger Steve Coppell is getting in a goalscoring mood in time for the World Cup Finals.

After two goals in the recent victory at Notts County, Steve popped up with two more spectacular efforts in Manchester United's thrilling 3-3 draw at Everton over Easter.

His second was a brilliant solo run from just inside the Everton half which left two defenders flat-footed and goalkeeper Nev Southall grasping thin air.

Steve describes it as 'probably my most pleasing goal of the season'.

"It's great at last to see the goals going in for me this season. I've been getting in the right positions but the ball

hasn't been hitting the back of the net," says the ever-popular 'Match Weekly' columnist.

But this 46th minute goal against Lancashire rivals Everton certainly flew into the net.

After running on to a pass from Ray Wilkins, Steve cut inside Kevin Ratcliffe and Mark Higgins before drilling a low, left foot drive past the diving Southall from the edge of the penalty area.

"Ray played a good ball to me on the right and I saw a gap in front of me after cutting inside the two defenders," says Steve.

"I just whacked it with my left foot.

"It was a typical winger's goal — the sort crowds love to see."

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match WEEKLY'S **TWELVE WONDERS OF THE WORLD**



Diego Maradona **ARGENTINA'S MIRACLE MAN**

THE greatest player in the world — that's what they are calling Diego Armando Maradona, the 21-year-old Argentina star whose phenomenal skills, pace and shooting ability have made him famous throughout football.

Though Spain '82 will be his first World Cup, Maradona is widely expected to be the best player on view.

He is the ace in the Argentina pack. The man with the explosive gifts. The player who terrifies defenders.

Even Jupp Derwall, manager of the European favourites West Germany, pays homage to Maradona. He says: "For me, Maradona is the best. He is even better than Pele."

Maradona's Argentine team-mate Ossie Ardiles adds: "He is undoubtedly the best player in the world... we must use his talents to the full."

And Argentina manager Cesar Luis Menotti says: "He does things no other player in the world will attempt. At 21, he is a miracle."

In his homeland, Maradona is guarded like an art treasure. The Government helps keep him by paying toward his vast salary — about £700,000 per year!

Barcelona have made him a fabulous offer to play in Spain after the World Cup. They offered Boca Juniors, his club, at least £3 million. Juventus want him too. And so too do Arsenal.

But for Maradona himself, it is a world a million miles away from his humble beginnings.

He was born poor, the sixth child of eight in the rough and tumbledown Buenos Aires suburb of Lanus on October 30, 1960.

He learned his football in the street — developing his skills on wastelands in plimsolls with tin cans for a ball. But he had something special and, when he was nine, he signed for his first professional club, Argentinos Juniors.

By the time he was 13, his special talent was the subject of special treatment. Vitamins, injections and extra specialised training were all used to improve his build.

In 1976, when he was 15, he made his First Division debut for Argentinos Juniors. A year later, at 16, he won his first international cap when Hungary lost 5-1 to Argentina and the arrival of Maradona was announced.

The fans and the Press wanted the player Menotti described as "a mixture of Pele and Puskas" to stay in the team for the '78 World Cup. Throughout South America, he had become known as 'Peluza' or the little Pele. But Menotti left him out when the finals came round. He said he was too young.

Soon after Argentina's triumph in the World Cup of 1978, it was obvious Maradona was the emerging star. He was brilliant in the World Youth Championship held in Japan and superb on tour for the senior team when they thrashed Scotland 3-1 at Hampden.

The Scottish fans that day gave Maradona the cheers no Englishman could ever hope for, applauding his genius as he tore their defence to shreds.

Two years later, he played at Wembley. England beat Argentina 3-1, but Maradona was superb. In one moment of magic he beat five players and the goalkeeper only to see his shot roll wide.

He is the best goalscorer inside-left in the world, having already notched 100 League goals before his 20th birthday — an Argentine record.

Fixtures

Friday, April 30
DIVISION TWO
Luton v Shrewsbury

DIVISION FOUR
Stockport v Northampton

Saturday, May 1
DIVISION ONE
Arsenal v West Ham

DIVISION TWO
Blackburn v Newcastle

DIVISION THREE
Brentford v Doncaster

DIVISION FOUR
Aldershot v Scunthorpe

SCOTTISH
PREMIER DIVISION
Celtic v Hibernian

FIRST DIVISION
Clydebank v Dunfermline

SECOND DIVISION
Albion v Clyde

● Does not include any re-arranged games.

Stratton on Saturday

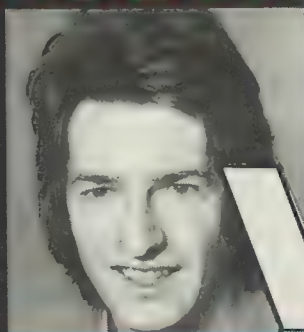
£5 IS THE PRIZE!

I'M Paul Stratton and if my challenger (opposite) can prove he's a better tipster than me, he wins £5!

In the panel below, I've given my predictions for ten selected matches and you can see my guest opponent's predictions alongside them.

There's a space for your forecasts and a column for the actual result so, just for fun, you can try to beat me too.

Award two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw) but the scoreline wrong.



Pictured above is my special guest opponent this week — 'Match' reader Robert Ames. Fifteen-year-old Robert, who lives at Wood Green, London, is an Arsenal supporter and his favourite player is Kenny Sansom.

Swansea avengers

SWANSEA, the Welsh side with six former Merseyside players on their books, can only improve against Everton on Saturday.

When the two sides met earlier this season, the First Division newcomers were nothing short of "terrible".

And that was the verdict of their manager John Toshack!

His fury followed a 3-1 defeat at Goodison Park back in December — a game which left Swansea with just two wins in seven League games, plus a League Cup KO at the hands of Barnsley to boot.

According to 'Tosh', his team failed to compete and the players themselves admitted it was their worst performance of the season.

But despite their slump, the Vetch Field side still found themselves in fourth spot in the League — just two points behind then leaders Manchester United.

And to my surprise, they are still right up there with the best, battling for a place in Europe next season.

So Swansea have two reasons to do well on Saturday — to stay on course for Europe and to make up for their mistake-riddled performance against Everton last time around.

That should be incentive enough for them to reverse the tables on Saturday and I'm taking Swansea to win — 2-1.

The big crowd-puller in the Midlands will be the 'Black Country' clash between Wolves and West Brom.

Advantage

Both teams have struggled in the League this season and points are vital as they strive to pull away from the 'wrong end' of Division One.

And while Wolves have home advantage this time, I'm taking West Brom to sneak victory.

In the earlier clash at The Hawthorns, Albion romped home 3-0 with two of the goals coming from Cyrille Regis.

He'll be eager to get on the

scoresheet again as he bids for a ticket to Spain — his England place threatened by the return from injury of Ipswich Town's Paul Mariner.

And for the opposition, Scottish striker Andy Gray will be keen to impress — his eyes are on the Scottish squad for the World Cup Finals.

If anything, it will be big Cyrille's day.

I've predicted possible scorelines for ten of Saturday's matches and the challenge is beat me if you can.

As usual there is £5 at stake in my special challenge with one lucky 'Match Weekly' reader (see panel above).

WELL DONE, CATHY

● Congratulations to Cathy Oldham, my guest opponent in the April 10 issue of 'Match', who beat me five points to four.

| Saturday, May 1 | MY FORECAST | GUESTS FORECAST | YOUR FORECAST | RESULT | WHO WON THIS WEEK? |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|--------------------|
| Notts Co. v Birmingham | 1-1 | 2-1 | | | POINTS SCORED |
| Swansea v Everton | 2-1 | 2-0 | | | PAUL _____ |
| Wolves v West Brom | 0-1 | 1-1 | | | YOURSELF _____ |
| Derby v Cardiff | 1-0 | 0-0 | | | |
| Leicester v Norwich | 2-2 | 2-0 | | | |
| Carlisle v Wimbledon | 3-1 | 3-1 | | | |
| Chesterfield v Swindon | 2-0 | 2-0 | | | |
| Aldershot v Scunthorpe | 1-0 | 1-0 | | | |
| Halifax v Hartlepool | 0-1 | 2-2 | | | |
| Celtic v Hibernian | 2-0 | 3-1 | | | |
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★★★★★ Good value
★★★★★ Satisfactory
★★★★★ Dull
★★★★★ A waste of money

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Monday, April 19

Division Three

BRENTFORD (2) 4 (Hurlock 43, Bowen 44, Bowles 70, McNicol 73)
SWINDON (0) 2 (Carter, pen 58, pen 90)
Att: 5,374
Brentford: McKellar 6, McNicol 7, Tucker 6, Salman 6, Booker 6, Hurlock 7, Kamara 7, Johnson 6, Bowen 6. ★**BOWLES** 8, Roberts 7.
Swindon: Allan 6, Baddeley 6, Williams 6, Emmanuel 6, Lewis 6, Stroud 6, Pritchard 6, ★**CARTER** 7, Rideout 6, Greenwood 6, Graham 6.
Referee: D. J. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

European U-21 Championship Semi-Final, First Leg

SCOTLAND (0) 0
ENGLAND (1) 1 (Thompson 40)
Att: 16,130
(At Hampden Park)

Welsh Cup Semi-Final, Second Leg

CARDIFF (2) 2 (Micallef 37, Stevens 44)
HEREFORD (1) 1 (Phillips 34)
Att: 3,635
(Cardiff win 2-1 on aggregate)

Tuesday, April 20

Division One

EVERTON (0) 2 (Sharp 46, 87)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 1 (Rober 69)
Att: 15,460
Everton: Southall 7, Borrows 6, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 7, Wright 7, McMahon 7, Irvine 8, Heath 8, ★**SHARP** 9, Richardson 7, Ross 7.
Nottm Forest: Shilton 8, Anderson 7, Gunn 7, Needham 7, Young 6, Bowyer 6, ★**ROBER** 9, Plummer 8 (sub. McGovern 7), Fashanu 8, Proctor 7, Robertson 6.
Referee: G. Owen (Anglesey)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

IPSWICH (1) 2 (Wark 36, 76)
MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 1 (Gidman 18)
Att: 25,763
Ipswich: ★**JACKSON** 8, Burley 7, McCall 6, Mills 6, Osman 7, Butcher 5, Wark 7, Muhren 7, Mariner 6, Brazil 6, Gates 6.
Man Utd: Bailey 6, ★**GIDMAN** 8, Albiston 7, Wilkins 5 (sub. Birtles 6), Moran 7, McQueen 6, Robson 6, McGarvey 7, Stapleton 6, Grimes 5, Duxbury 7.
Referee: C. White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Otto 34, McAndrew, pen 88)
BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Ritchie 3)
Att: 9,788
Middlesbrough: ★**PLATT** 8, Nattrass 6, Bailey 6, McAndrew 7, Baxter 7, Wood 7, Ross 6, Otto 7, Hodgson 6, Ashcroft 6, Thomas 7 (sub. Shearer 7).
Brighton: Digweed 7, Shanks 7, Nelson 7, Stevens 7, Foster 7, Gattling 6, Case 6, ★**RITCHIE** 8, Robinson 7, McNab 7, Ryan 7.
Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Two

CAMBRIDGE (2) 2 (Goldsmith 24, 32)
ORIENT (0) 0
Att: 3,660
Cambridge: Webster 7, Turner 7, Murray 7, Smith 6, Fallon 7, Streete 7, Donaldson 6, ★**GOLDSMITH** 8, O'Neill 6, Finney 6, Christie 6.
Orient: Day 6, ★**FOSTER** 8, Peach 7, Fisher 7, Gray 7, Margerrison 6, Godfrey 6, Taylor 6, Houchen 6, Silkman 6 (sub. Hughton 6), McNeil 6.
Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

GRIMSBY (0) 0
CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Hilaire 12)
Att: 7,646
Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore, D 6, Crosby 4, Waters 6, ★**COOPER** 8, Crombie 7, Ford 5, Kilmore 7, Whymark 6, Mitchell 4 (sub. Drinkell 5), Brolly 5.
Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Lovell 6, Hinshelwood 6, Galliers 6, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, Giles 6, Smillie 6, Brooks 6, Mabbutt 7, ★**HILAIRE** 8.
Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

LUTON (1) 2 (Antic 44, Donaghy 76)
CHELSEA (1) 2 (Walker 34, Fillery 61)
Att: 16,185
Luton: Findlay 6, Stephens 7, Money 7, ★**HORTON** 9, Goodyear 7, Donaghy 7, Hill 7, Stein 8, White 7, Fuccillo 7, Antic 6.
Chelsea: ★**FRANCIS** 9, Locke 7, Hutchings 7, Nutton 6, Lee 8, Pates 7, Britton 7, Chivers 6, Walker 8, Mayes 7, Fillery 7.
Referee: A. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SHREWSBURY (0) 0
NORWICH (2) 2 (Deehan 3, Mendham 23)
Att: 3,550
Shrewsbury: ★**WARDLE** 8, Griffin 7, Johnson 6, Cross 6, Blake 6, MacLaren 7, Petts 6, McNally 7, Tong 6, Dungworth 7, Bates 6.
Norwich: Woods 6, Haylock 7, Downs 7, McGuire 7, Walford 7, Watson 7, Bennett 7, ★**O'NEILL** 9, Deehan 8, Bertschin 7, Mendham 7 (sub. Barham 6).
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

WREXHAM (0) 0
LEICESTER (0) 0
Att: 4,913
Wrexham: ★**NIEDZWIECKI** 8, Jones 7, Bater 7, Cegielski 6, Dowman 6, Ronson 6, Arkwright 7, McNeil 7, Fox 7, Vinter 6, Carrodus 7.
Leicester: ★**WALLINGTON** 8, Friar 7, Leet 6, MacDonald 7, May 7, O'Neill 6, Ramsey 7, Lineker 7, Lynex 6, Wilson 6 (sub. Welsh 7), Kelly 6.
Referee: M. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

BURNLEY (2) 3 (McGee 30, Steven 41, Otulakowski, og 71)
SOUTHEND (1) 5 (Spence 8, 47, Phillips, 14, pen 52, Nelson 60)
Att: 8,126
Burnley: Stevenson 6, ★**LAW** 7, Wharton 5 (sub. Cavenor), Scott 6, Dixon 5, Holt 5, Dobson 6, Steven 5, Hamilton 6, McGee 5, Young 5.
Southend: Cawston 6, Stead 6, Yates 6, Pountney 6, Moody 7, Cusack 6, ★**NELSON** 9, Phillips 8, Spence 8, Pennyfather 6, Otulakowski 8.
Referee: C. Newsome (Broseley)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Cusack (Southend)

CARLISLE (2) 3 (Robson 27, 29, 70)
EXETER (1) 2 (Pratt 17, Delve 90)
Att: 5,220
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Rushbury 6, Larkin 7, Ashurst 7, Craig 7, Ritchie 7, Coughlin 7, ★**ROBSON** 9, Bannon 8, Staniforth 7.
Exeter: Main 7, Rogers, M 7, Sparrow 5, Giles 6, Foster 5, Roberts 7, Pratt 7, Rogers, P 6, ★**KELLOW** 8, Delve 7, Hatch 7.
Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Liddell 80)
WALSALL (0) 0
Att: 3,903
Doncaster: Humphries, S 6, Russell 8, Humphries, G 7, Snodin, I 6 (sub. Lister 7), Cawthorne 7, Wigginton 8, Pugh 7, Liddell 7, Douglas 6, Snodin, G 8, ★**LALLY** 9.
Walsall: ★**GREEN** 9, Hart 6, Mower 6, Beech 6, Serella 6, Baines 7, Rees 6, Caswell 7, Teasdale 6, Buckley 6, O'Kelly 5 (sub. Penn 6).
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MILLWALL (2) 2 (Nisbet, og 15, Allardyce 37)
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Cook 41)
Att: 2,562
Millwall: Sansome 5, Stevens 6, Madden 6, Chatterton 7, Allardyce 7, Roberts 6 (sub. Neal), Shinton 5, ★**ANDERSON** 8, Horrix 6, Martin 6, West 7.
Plymouth: Crudgington 7, Nisbet 6, McCartney 7, Harrison 5, Phillipson-Masters 6, Cooper 7, Hodges 6, ★**COOK** 8, Sims 6, Randall 7, Rogers 6.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

PRESTON (1) 1 (Buckley, pen 35)
FULHAM (1) 3 (Davies 38, 85, Lock, pen 75)
Att: 6,009
Preston: Hodge 7, Anderson 7, McAteer 7, Naughton 7, Booth 7 (sub. Houston), O'Riordan 7, Kelly 7, ★**DOYLE** 8, Elliott 6, Buckley 7, Bruce 6.
Fulham: Stannard 7, Hopkins 7, Strong 7, O'Driscoll 7, Brown 8, Gale 7, ★**DAVIES** 9, Wilson 7, Coney 7, O'Sullivan 7, Lock 7.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

WIMBLEDON (2) 2 (Evans 5, Joseph 40)
OXFORD (1) 3 (Hebbard 32, Lawrence 64, Leslie, og 79)
Att: 2,903
Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Leslie 6, Armstrong 7, Smith 6, Morris 6, Downes 6, Ketteridge 6, Joseph 7, Hodges 7, ★**EVANS** 8, Belfield 6.
Oxford: Burton 8, Fogg 7, Smithers 7, Train 7, Briggs 7, Shotton 7, ★**LAWRENCE** 9, Foley 7 (sub. Kearns 7), Hebbard 8, Brock 7,

Thomas 7.
Referee: M. J. Bodenham (Brighton)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

HULL (0) 0
STOCKPORT (0) 0
Att: 3,526
Hull: Norman 6, Booth 7, McNeil 6 (sub. Davis 6), Roberts, D 7, Richards 5, Thompson 6, Roberts, G 6, ★**McCLAREN** 8, Marwood 6, Mutrie 5, Whitehurst 7.
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 7, Thorpe 6, Smith 7, Sherlock 7, ★**WILLIAMS** 8, Emmerson 6, Park 6, Stafford 5, Coyle 6, Phillips 5.
Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Graham, pen 53)
Att: 1,935
Northampton: Poole 6, Carlton 6, Saxby 7, Gage 7, Brady 6, Buchanan 5 (sub. Muir 5), Saunders 7, ★**COFFILL** 8, Massey 6, Sandy 6, Bryant 6.
Halifax: ★**SMELT** 9, Goodman 7, Carr 7, Evans 7, Ayre 6 (sub. Kendall 6), Hendrie 6, Firth 6, Davison 7, Graham 7, Spooner 7, Ward 6.
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Ward (Halifax)

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Wellings, pen 80)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Telfer 50)
Att: 1,129
Rochdale: Crawford 6, Warriner 6, Snookes 7, Dolan 5, Taylor 5, Weir 6, ★**HAMILTON** 8, O'Loughlin 6, Hilditch 6, Goodwin 5 (sub. Wellings 6), Martinez 5.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Grimes 6, Keeley 6, Arins 6, Cowling 6, Thompson 6, Hamill 5 (sub. Stewart 5), Telfer 6, Cammack 5, Moss 5, Goodlass 6.
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Welsh Cup Semi-Final, Second Leg

SWANSEA (0) 0
BANGOR (0) 0
Att: 5,905
(Swansea win 2-1 on aggregate)

SCOTTISH Second Division

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 2 (Munn 15, Stirling 50)
COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Gilchrist 39)
Att: 200

Wednesday, April 21

Division One

WEST BROM (0) 0
MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (Francis 31)
Att: 11,703
West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 5, Statham 5, Summerfield 5, Wile 5, Robertson 7, Zondervan 6, King 6, ★**REGIS** 8, Owen 5 (sub. Cowdrill 6), Mackenzie 5.
Man. City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Reid 6, Bond 5, Power 6, Ryan 6, Reeves 5, ★**FRANCIS** 8, Hartford 6, Kinsey 7 (sub. Hareide 6).
Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

CHESTER (0) 0
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
Att: 1,034
Chester: Millington 7, Cottam 6, Burns 7, Storton 6, Zelim 6, Blackwell 5, Sutcliffe 7, Jones 6, ★**ALLEN** 8, Ludlam 7, Henderson 5.
Bristol City: ★**SHAW** 9, Stevens 6, Hay 7, Musker 7, Boyle 6, Nicholls 6, Williams 5, Bray 6 (sub. Devine 7), Chandler 7, Carter 6, Economou 5.
Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

HEREFORD (2) 2 (Price 17, Bartley 33)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Musial, og 85)
Att: 2,617

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Hereford: Brand 7, ★PRICE 8, Bartley 7, Pejic 7, Hicks 7, Musial 7, Harvey 7, Laidlaw 6, Phillips 7, Showers 6, White 6.
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Simmonite 6, Brockbank 6, Harrison 5, Greenall 7, ★NOBLE 8, Morgan 6, Hockaday 6, Bamber 7, Stewart 6, Pashley 6.
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
SHEFFIELD UNITED (3) 4 (Edwards 11, 68, King 21, Morris 35)
Att: 13,439
Peterborough: Freeman 5, Butler 5, Phillips 5 (sub. Bernard 5), ★GYNN 7, Smith 6, Rodaway 6, Clarke 5, Kellock 6, Cooke 5, Hodgson 5, Chard 5.
Sheff Utd: Waugh 6, Richardson 6, Garner 6, ★CHARLES 9, MacPhail 7, Kenworthy 6, Morris 7, Trusson 6, Edwards 8, Hatton 6, King 7.
Referee: D. V. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

European Cup Semi-Final, Second Leg

ANDERLECHT (Belgium) (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
Att: 38,000
(Aston Villa win 1-0 on aggregate)

Other results: Bayern Munich (W. Germany) 4 (Breitner 2 (1 pen), Rummenigge 2), CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 0 — Bayern win 7-4 on aggregate.

European Cup Winners' Cup Semi-Final, Second Leg

BARCELONA (Spain) (0) 1 (Simonsen)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Att: 45,000
(Barcelona win 2-1 on aggregate)

Other results: Standard Liege (Belgium) 1, Dynamo Tbilisi (Russia) 0 — Standard win 2-0 on aggregate.

UEFA Cup Semi-Final, Second Leg

Gothenburg (Sweden) 2, Kaiserslautern (W. Germany) 1 — (after extra time) — Gothenburg win 3-2 on aggregate;
Hamburg (W. Germany) 5, Radnicki (Yugoslavia) 1 — Hamburg win 6-3 on aggregate.

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (0) 3 (McGhee 7, Rougvie 35, Black 57)
RANGERS (0) 1 (Johnstone 68)
Att: 8,750
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 7, Rougvie 6, Cooper 6, McLeish 7, Miller 7, Black 6, Simpson 6, ★MCGHEE 8, Bell 7, Weir 7.
Rangers: Stewart 6, Dawson 7, ★BLACK 8, Jardine 6, McClelland 6, Bett 7, Dalziel 7, Russell 6, Johnstone 7, MacDonald 7, Lyall 6.
Referee: E. Pringle (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

AIRDRIE (0) 0
ST MIRREN (0) 2 (McAvennie 58, 67)
Att: 2,500
Airdrie: Martin 7, Cairney 6, Rodger 6, Anderson, G 7, ★MARCH 8, Anderson, N 6, Walker 7, Clark 7, Campbell 6, McKeown 6, Gordon 6.
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Curran 7, Abercrombie 7, Fitzpatrick 6, Fulton 6, Copland 7, McEachran 6, ★STARK 8, Somner 6, McAvennie 7, Richardson 6.
Referee: J. Timmons (Kilwinning)
Match Rating: ★★

CELTIC (1) 3 (McCluskey 26, 53, Provan 78)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Dodds 83)
Att: 14,859
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 6, Reid 6, Aitken 7, Att: 4,186

McAdam 6, MacLeod 6, Provan 7, Sullivan 6, ★McCLUSKEY 8, Burns 7, Crainie 7.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Malpas 6, Murray 6, Gough 6, ★HEGARTY 8, Narey 7, Bannon 6, Milne 6, Kirkwood 7, Sturrock 6, Dodds 6.
Referee: B. McGinley (Balfon)
Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Sinclair 44)
PARTICK (1) 2 (Park 10, Jardine 76)
Att: 6,463
Dundee: Geddes 7, Barr 6, McKinnie 6, Fraser 7, Smith 6, Glennie 7, Ferguson 6, Stephen 7, ★SINCLAIR 8, Scrimgeour 6, Kidd 7.
Partick: Rough 7, McKinnon 6, Lapsley 7, Whittaker 6, Dunlop 7, Watson 7, ★PARK 8, Jardine 6, Johnston 6, Doyle 6, O'Hara 7.
Referee: W. Knowles (Inverurie)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

HAMILTON (0) 0
DUMBARTON (0) 0
Att: 978

HEARTS (0) 2 (Hamill 54, Pettigrew 61)
AYR (0) 1 (Ahern 48)
Att: 4,675

RAITH (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (McLaughlin, pen 48)
Att: 1,568

KILMARNOCK (1) 2 (Bourke 23, 53)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0
Att: 987

Second Division

ALLOA (0) 0
CLYDE (2) 3 (Masterton 20, O'Neill 42, Nevin 64)
Att: 780

FORFAR (0) 1 (Porter 84)
ARBROATH (0) 1 (Powell 66)
Att: 453

Friday, April 23 Division Four

YORK (3) 6 (Laverick 18, Walwyn 23, 84, Ford 45, Byrne 63, Hood, pen 87)
CREWE (0) 0
Att: 1,753
York: Blackburn 7, Dawson 6, Kay 7, Hood 6, Czuczman 7, Aitken 8, Ford 7, ★LAVERICK 9, Walwyn 7, Crosby 5, Byrne 7.
Crewe: Mulhearn 7, Heath 6, Lewis 6, Salathiel 7, Scott 5, Palios 6, Cook 6, ★HASLEGRAVE 8, Entwistle 6, Howat 6, Williams 5 (sub. Chesters 6).
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, April 24 Division One

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Broadhurst 31, Harford 79)
SWANSEA (0) 1 (Walsh 54)
Att: 14,973
Birmingham: Coton 6, ★LANGAN 8, Hawker 6, Stevenson 6 (sub. Whatmore), Van den Hauwe 6, Curbishley 6, Van Mierlo 6, Dillon 7, Harford 7, Broadhurst 7, Evans 7.
Swansea: Davies 5, Marustik 6, Hadziabdic 5, Irwin 6 (sub. Walsh 6), Kennedy 6, Rajkovic 7, Curtis 6, James, R 6, James, L 5, ★STEVENSON 8, Stanley 7.
Referee: C. B. White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON (0) 0
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Wilkins 87)
Att: 20,755
Brighton: Digweed 7, Shanks 6, Nelson 6, Stevens 7, Foster 7, Gattling 7, Case 6, ★RITCHIE 8, Robinson 7, McNab 7, Ryan 7.
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Gidman 7, Albiston 6, Wilkins 7, Moran 6, McQueen 7, ★ROBSON 9, McGarvey 7, Stapleton 7, Grimes 7, Duxbury 6 (sub. Whiteside).
Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (1) 2 (Wright 18, Heath 55)
ARSENAL (1) 1 (Rix 40)
Att: 19,136
Everton: Southall 6, Stevens 5, Walsh 6, Higgins 6, ★WRIGHT 8, McMahon 7, Irvine 6, Heath 7, Sharp 5, Richardson 5, Ross 6.

Arsenal: Wood 6, Hollins 6 (sub. Nicholas), Sansom 6, Talbot 5, O'Leary 6, Whyte 5, Hawley 5, Sunderland 5, Davis 5, Robson 5, ★Rix 8.
Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Hartford 79)
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Brazil 36)
Att: 30,329
Man City: ★CORRIGAN 9, Ranson 6 (sub. May), McDonald 7, Power 6, Bond 5, Caton 6, Ryan 5, Reeves 6, Francis 8, Hartford 6, Kinsey 5.
Ipswich: Cooper 6, Burley 6, McCall 6, Mills 7 (sub. Parkin), Osman 6, Butcher 6, Wark 6, Muhren 6, Mariner 6, ★BRAZIL 8, Gates 6.
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
COVENTRY (0) 0
Att: 10,968
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, ★CRAGGS 8, Bailey 7, Ross 6, Baxter 7, Nattrass 6, McAndrew 6, Otto 6, Hodgson 6, Shearer 7, Thomas 6 (sub. MacDonald).
Coventry: ★SEALEY 8, Thomas 7, Jacobs 7, Butterworth 6, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, Whitton 6, Francis 6, Hateley 6, Thompson 6, Hunt 7.
Referee: D. B. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Needham 13)
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Cowans, pen 57)
Att: 18,213
Nottm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 7, Gunn 6, Needham 7, Young 6, Bowyer 6, Rober 6, Proctor 7, Fashanu 6, ★WALLACE 8, Robertson 6.
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 7, Williams 6, Evans 7, McNaught 6, Mortimer 6 (sub. Blair 6), Bremner 6, Shaw 7, Withe 6, Cowans 7, ★MORLEY 8.
Referee: D. Richardson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Channon 37, Keegan, pen 59)
LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Rush 12, Whelan 57, 88)
Att: 24,704
Southampton: ★KATALINIC 8, Golac 7, Holmes 6, Baker, G 6, Nicholl 7, Wright 7, Keegan 7, Channon 6, Cassells 6 (sub. Puckett), Armstrong 7, Ball 6.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 6, Lawrenson 6, Kennedy 7, Whelan 8, Thompson 7, Dalglish 7, Lee 7, Rush 7, ★JOHNSTON 9, Hansen 7.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★

STOKE (1) 2 (Maguire, pen 31, Chapman 53)
WOLVES (1) 1 (Hibbitt 23)
Att: 13,797
Stoke: Fox 7, Dodd 7, Parkin 6, Johnson 4, Watson 7, Smith 7, McLroy 6, Biley 7, ★CHAPMAN 8, Bracewell 6, Maguire 7.
Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Humphrey 6, Hollifield 6, Eves 6, Berry 6, ★COY 8, Hibbitt 7, Carr 6, Gray 4, Richards 6 (sub. Matthews 5), Clarke 6.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Gray (Wolves)

TOTTENHAM (2) 3 (Galvin 25, Villa 30, Archibald 80)
NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (McCulloch 18)
Att: 38,017
Spurs: Clemence 6, Hughton 7, Price 6, Roberts 5, Hazard 7, Perryman 6, Villa 6, Archibald 6, Galvin 6, ★HODDLE 8, Crooks 6.
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 6, O'Brien 7, Goodwin 6, Kilcline 6, Richards 6, Chiedozie 7 (sub. McParland), Hunt 6, McCulloch 6, Christie 6, ★MAIR 8.
Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST BROM (1) 2 (Brown 9, Owen, pen 51)
SUNDERLAND (2) 3 (Cummins 19, Pickering 22, Rowell 66)
Att: 13,268
West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 6, Statham 5, Brown 6, Wile 6, Bennett 6, Zondervan 5, King 6, Regis 5, ★OWEN 8, Mackenzie 6 (sub. Monaghan 6).
Sunderland: Turner 6, Hinnigan 7, Munro 6, Hindmarch 7, Chisholm 6, Elliott 6, Buckley 7, West 6, Rowell 7, Pickering 7, ★CUMMINS 8.
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 4 (Cross 47, Brooking 52, 81, Stewart, pen 89)
LEEDS (1) 3 (Connor 20, Graham 57, Flynn 89)
Att: 24,748

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West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, La Ronde 6, Allen 7, Orr 7, Devonshire 7, Van der Elst 6, Godderd 7, Cross 7, ★**BROOKING** 8, Pike 7.
Leeds: Lukic 7, Hird 7, Gray, F 6, Flynn 7, Hart 7, Cherry 7, Gray, E 7, ★**GRAHAM** 8, Worthington 7, Butterworth 6 (sub. Connor 7), Barnes 6.
Referee: J. Bray (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Division Two

BARNLEY (0) 1 (Walker 78)
CHARLTON (0) 0
Att: 9,287
Barnley: Horn 7, Law 7, Chambers 6, Mann 6, Banks 7, McCarthy 7, Evans 7, ★**WALKER** 8, Aylott 6, McHale 6, Birch 7.
Charlton: ★**JOHNS** 8, Naylor 6, Elliott 6, Mehmet 7, Gritt 6, Phillips 7, Ferns 6, Walsh 7, Ambrose 7, Lansdowne 6, Robinson 6.
Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

BOLTON (0) 0
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
Att: 6,280
Bolton: McDonagh 6, Whitworth 6, Bennett 7, Henry 6, Jones 6, Gowing 6, ★**CHANDLER** 8, Cantello 6, Foster 6, Reid 7, Thompson 6 (sub. McElhinney 6).
Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Lovell 6, Hinshelwood 7, Galliers 6, ★**CANNON** 8, Gilbert 7, Giles 6, Smillie 7, Brooks 6, Mabbutt 7, Hilaire 6.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Fallon 84)
LEICESTER (1) 2 (Lineker 7, Welsh 89)
Att: 7,212
Cambridge: Webster 7, Turner 7, Murray 6, Smith 6, Fallon 7, ★**STREETE** 8, Donaldson 6, Goldsmith 6, O'Neill 6, Finney 6, Christie 6 (sub. Cartwright).
Leicester: Wallington 7, Frier 6, Leet 7, Peake 6, Aay 7, O'Neill 6, Lynex 7, ★**LINEKER** 8, Milrose 7, Welsh 7, Kelly 6.
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Micallef 40)
QPR (2) 2 (Allen 3, Micklewhite 26)
Att: 5,979
Cardiff: Healey 6, ★**JONES** 8, Polycarpou 5, Pontin 6, Micallef 6 (sub. Hughes 6), Mullen 6, Grapes 7, Henderson 5, Kitchen 7, Bennett, D 6, Maddy 5.
QPR: Hucker 6, Fenwick 6, Gillard 6, Waddock 7, ★**WICKS** 9, Roeder 7, Micklewhite 7, Flanagan 6, Allen 8, Stainrod 7, Gregory 6.
Referee: V. G. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

CHELSEA (0) 0
DERBY (0) 2 (Powell, B 55, George 84)
Att: 11,005
Chelsea: Francis 6, Locke 5, Hutchings 5, Nutton 5, Lee 5, Pates 6, Britton 5, Chivers 4 (sub. Rhoades-Brown 5), Walker 6, Mayes 4, ★**FILLERY** 7.
Derby: Banovic 6, Barton 5, Buckley 6, Skivington 5, ★**SHERIDAN** 7, McAlle 6, Powell, B 6, Attley 6, George 6, Swindlehurst 6, Emson 5.
Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Brolly 50)
Att: 14,011
Newcastle: Carr 6, Brownlie 6, Saunders 6 (sub. Wharton 6), Twireck 6, Carney 6, ★**HADDOCK** 8, Mills 6, Martin 6, Varadi 6, Cartwright 6, Waddle 7.
Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore, D 7, Crosby 6, Waters 6, Cooper 6, Crombie 7, Stone 7, Kilmore 6, Whymark 6, Beacock 6, ★**BROLLY** 8.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★

NORWICH (2) 2 (Bertschin 9, McGuire 35)
BLACKBURN (0) 0
Att: 16,309
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 6, Downs 7, McGuire 8, Walford 7, Watson 7, Barham 7, ★**O'NEILL** 9, Deehan 8, Bertschin 7 (sub. Jack 6), Bennett 7.
Blackburn: Butcher 7, Branagan 5, Rathbone 6, Speight 6, Keeley 6, Fazackerley 6, ★**MILLER** 8, Stonehouse 6, Lowey 5 (sub. Murphy), Garner 5, Hamilton 6.
Referee: G. Naphine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

OLDHAM (0) 2 (Wylde 68, Keegan 90)
WREXHAM (0) 1 (McNeil 72)
Att: 3,755
Oldham: McDonnell 5, Edwards 6, Ryan 6,

Keegan 6, Firm 5, Fletcher 6, Heaton 5 (sub. Wylde 6), ★**PALMER** 7, Steel 5, McDonough 6, Atkinson 5.
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 6, Jones 6, Bate 5, Downman 5, Cegielski 5, ★**RONSON** 7, Leman 5, McNeil 6, Edwards 6, Fox 5, Carrodus 5.
Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆
Sending Off: Leman (Wrexham)

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Moore 27, Seaman 62)
LUTON (1) 2 (Fucillo 11, Money 63)
Att: 11,290
Rotherham: Mountford 7, Hughes 7, Breckin 7, Rhodes 6 (sub. Alexander 6), Stanciliffe 7, Green 7, Towner 6, ★**GOW** 9, Moore 7, Seaman 8, McEwan 7.
Luton: ★**JUDGE** 9, Stephens 7, Money 7, Horton 8, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 7, Hill 7 (sub. Antic 6), Stein 8, White 8, Fucillo 7, Moss 7.
Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SHREWSBURY (0) 2 (Atkins 55, 68)
ORIENT (0) 0
Att: 2,898
Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, MacLaren 6, Johnson 6, Turner 8, Griffin 7, Keay 7, Tong 7, McNally 7, ★**ATKINS** 9, Cross 8, Bates 6.
Orient: ★**DAY** 8, Foster 7, Peach 6, Fisher 6, Gray 7, Cunningham 6, Godfrey 6 (sub. Taylor, P 6), Taylor, T 7, Houchen 6, Hughton 6, McNeil 6.
Referee: D. Lloyd (Worcester)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WATFORD (4) 4 (Callaghan 18, Barnes 26, Blissett 29, 39)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0
Att: 23,987
Watford: Sherwood 8, Rice 7, Rostron 7, Taylor 8, Sims 7, Bolton 8, Callaghan 7, Blissett 8, ★**JENKINS** 9, Lohman 8, Barnes 8.
Sheff Wed: Bolder 5, Sterland 4, Blackhall 5, Shirliff 4, Pickering 5, Taylor 6, Shelton 5, Smith 6, ★**BANNISTER** 8, Pearson 6, Curran 7.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Walmers)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 2 (Stephens 53, Bailey 89)
WALSALL (1) 1 (Baines 16)
Att: 3,677
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 7, Jones 6, Parkin 7, Mabbutt 8, Slater 7, Bailey 7, ★**WILLIAMS**, D 9, Williams, G 8, Stephens 6, Randall 7 (sub. Smith 6), Williams, B 7.
Walsall: ★**GREEN** 8, Hart 6, Serella 7, Baines 6, Mower 6, Beech 7, Caselli 6, Loveridge 5, Rees 5, Teasdale 5 (sub. O'Kelly 6), Penn 7.
Referee: D. V. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Laws 59, Dobson 80)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
Att: 7,039
Burnley: Stevenson 6, ★**LAWS** 8, Wharton 6, Cassidy 7, Overson 6, Holt 6, Dobson 6, Steven 7, Hamilton 7, McGee 5, Young 6.
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Stevens 6, Hay 6, ★**MUSKER** 8, Boyle 6, Nicholas 6, Williams 6, Devine 7, Chandler 6, Carter 6 (sub. Newman 6), Economou 6.
Referee: G. Owen (Anglesey)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

CHESTER (0) 1 (Storton 71)
BRENTFORD (1) 2 (Kamara 37, Johnson 69)
Att: 1,304
Chester: Millington 6, Cottam 5, Burns 6, ★**STORTON** 8, Zelem 6, Blackwell 5, Dean 6, Sutcliffe 7, Allen 5, Ludlam 6, Henderson 5 (sub. Simpson 6).
Brentford: McKellar 7, McNichol 6, Tucker 5, Salmen 6, Booker 5, Hurlock 5, Kamara 7, Johnson 6, Bowen 6, ★**BOWLES** 8, Roberts 7 (sub. Whitehead).
Referee: M. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

DONCASTER (2) 2 (Dawson 14, Douglas 27)
PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Sims 62, Cook 84)
Att: 3,894
Doncaster: Humphries, F 6, Russell 7, ★**HUMPHRIES**, G 8, Lister 5, Cawthorne 5, Wigginton 6, Pugh 6, Liddell 6 (sub. Bennett 6), Douglas 7, Snodin, G 7, Dawson 5.
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Ham 6 (sub. Uzzell 5), McCartney 6, Harrison 6, Phillipson-Masters 5, Cooper 6, Hodges 7, Cook 7, Sims 7, Randall 7, ★**ROGERS** 8.
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

EXETER (1) 1 (Delve 20)
NEWPORT (0) 0
Att: 3,186
Exeter: Main 6, Rogers, M 5, Hatch 6, Giles 6, Foster 6, Roberts 5, Pratt 5, Rogers, P 6, Kellow 6, ★**DELVE** 7, Robertson 5.
Newport: Kendall 6, Walden 5, Relish 5, Davies 5, Oakes 6, Johnson 5, ★**ELSEY** 7, Lowndes 6, Tynan 6, Aldridge 6, Moore 5 (sub. Gwyther 5).
Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
CARLISLE (0) 0
Att: 5,809
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Adams 6, Bruce 7, Weatherly 7, Shaw 6, Powell 6, Tydemann 6, ★**GREWCOCK** 8, Lee 6 (sub. White 6), Price 7.
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 7, Rushbury 6, Larkin 7, ★**ASHURST** 8, Craig 7, Ritchie 6, Coughlin 6, Robson 7, Bannion 7, Staniforth 6.
Referee: R. C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Rafferty 75)
Att: 5,658
Huddersfield: Cox 5, Brown 5, Burke 5, Stanton 6, Valentine 5, Hanvey 6, ★**LILLIS** 7, Kennedy 5, Hottel 5 (sub. Cowling), Wilson 6, Robins 5.
Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 5, Doyle 6, ★**AIZLEWOOD** 7, Viney 5, Wimbleton 5 (sub. Hemmerman 8), Rafferty 6, Senior 6, Berry 5, Rogers 5.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

PRESTON (1) 2 (Kelly 15, Doyle 68)
OXFORD (0) 2 (Kearns 48, Brock 60)
Att: 5,518
Preston: Hodge 7, Anderson 7, McAteer 7, Naughton 7, Westwell 6, O'Riordan 7, ★**KELLY** 8, Doyle 7, Elliott 6, Buckley 7 (sub. Houston), Bruce 7.
Oxford: Burton 7, Fogg 7, Smithers 7, Train 7, Briggs 7, Shotton 8, Lawrence 7, Kearns 6, Hebbard 6, ★**BROCK** 9, Thomas 7.
Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

READING (0) 0
SOUTHEND (0) 2 (Phillips 51, Pountney 78)
Att: 2,840
Reading: Fearon 6, Williams 5, Hetzke 4, Webb 5, Hicks 5, ★**WOOD** 7, Beavon 5, Matthews 6, Dixon 6, Sanchez 4 (sub. Cullen 5), Earles 4.
Southend: Cawston 6, Stead 5, Yates 5, ★**POUNTNEY** 7, Moody 5, Cusack 5, Nelson 6 (sub. Greaves), Phillips 6, Spence 5, Pennyfather 5, Otulakowski 5.
Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SWINDON (0) 1 (Rowland 56)
LINCOLN (0) 0
Att: 3,981
Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 7, Baddeley 7, Emmanuel 7, Lewis 7, ★**STROUD** 8, Pritchard 6, Carter 7, Rideout 6, Rowland 7, Graham 6.
Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 7, Neale 6, Cockerill 7, Peake 7, Thompson 7, Shipley 6, Turner 6, Ward 6, ★**CUNNINGHAM** 8, Hibbard 7 (sub. Gilbert 6).
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WIMBLEDON (1) 3 (Belfield 26, 52, Hodges 58)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Walker 87)
Att: 2,138
Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Leslie 7, Armstrong 6, Smith 7, Morris 6, Downes 6, Ketteridge 6, Joseph 7, Hodges 7, Evans 6, ★**BELFIELD** 8.
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Bellamy 5, O'Neill 5, Wilson 6, Green 5, Hunter 6, Henson 5 (sub. Walker 7), Henderson 7, Bonnyman 6, ★**KOWALSKI** 8, Crawford 7.
Referee: R. G. Milford (Brixton)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Division Four

BRADFORD (0) 1 (Campbell 59)
BLACKPOOL (0) 0
Att: 4,898
Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Podd 7, Watson 7, Lester 7, Cooke 7, McFarland 7, Gallagher 7, Staniforth 7, Campbell 7, McNiven 7.
★CHAPMAN 8.
Blackpool: ★**HESFORD** 8, Simmonite 6, Brockbank 6, Deary 6, Greenall 5, Noble 7, Hart 5, Blair 5 (sub. Stewart 6), Bamber 6, Hockaday 5, Pashley 6.
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Bremner 78)
DARLINGTON (0) 0
Att: 1,764
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 7, Ward 6, Leslie 6, Wignall 6, Packer 6, Lyons 5, ★**BREMNER** 8, Groves 7, McDonough 5, Allinson 5 (sub. Adcock 7).
Darlington: ★**CUFF** 8, Kamara 6, Liddle 6, Smith 6, Skipper 7, Speedie 7 (sub. Stalker), McFadden 6, McLean 5, Hawker 6, Wicks 6, Walsh 6.
Referee: M. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

HARTLEPOOL (1) 3 (Linacre, P 21, Newton, pen 71, Staff 85)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Chamberlain, M 29)
Att: 1,429
Hartlepool: Watson 7, Sweeney 7, Stimpson 7, Hogan 7, Bird 7, Brown 7, Linacre, J 7, Staff 6, ★**NEWTON** 8, Linacre, P 7, Johnson 6 (sub. Lawrence 6).
Port Vale: ★**HARRISON** 8, Tarrt 7, Bromage 6, Hunter 6, Sproson 7, Bowles 7, Chamberlain, N 6, Moss 7, Deakin 6, Keenan 6 (sub. Armstrong), Chamberlain, M 7.
Referee: D. Webb (Sale)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

HEREFORD (1) 3 (Harvey 33, Showers 52, Phillips 57)
MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Cannell 62)
Att: 2,852
Hereford: Brand 7, Price 7, Bartley 7, Pejic 7, Hicks 7, ★**MUSIAL** 8, Harvey 7, Laidlaw 6, Phillips 7, Showers 7, White 6.
Mansfield: Arnold 6, ★**WOODHEAD** 8, Mann 6, Bell 6, Burrows 7, Bird 7, Cannell 7, Caldwell 7, Lumby 5 (sub. Thomson 7), Nicholson 6, Parkinson 6.
Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

HULL (2) 3 (Roberts, G 24, Mutrie, pen 44, Whitehurst 64)
BURY (2) 2 (Roberts, D, og 7, Madden 25)
Att: 3,602
Hull: Norman 6, Davis 6, Booth 7, Roberts, D 5, Thompson 5, Roberts, G 6, ★**MARWOOD** 9, McClaren 6, Whitehurst 8, Mutrie 7, Richards 7.
Bury: Platt 5, Gore 8, Kennedy 7, Hughes 5 (sub. Howard 5), Hilton 7, Bramhall 5, ★**MULLEN** 9, Butler 6, Madden 6, Jakub 7, Cruickshank 6.
Referee: H. Taylor (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Saxby 35)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
Att: 4,975
Northampton: Poole 8, Brady 7, Carlton 7, ★**GAGE** 9, Bryant 8, Coffill 6, Saxby 7, Buchanan 6, Perrin 6, Massey 6, Heeley 6.
Peterborough: Freeman 7, Butler 6, Phillips 6, Gynn 6, Smith 7, Rodaway 6, Syrett 6, ★**KELLOCK** 9, Cooke 7, Hodgson 5 (sub. Clarke 5), Chard 7.
Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

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SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 HALIFAX (0) 0

Att: 1,643

Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Grimes 7, Keeley 7, Boyd 6 (sub. Duncan 7), Cowling 6, ★THOMPSON 8, Stewart 6, Telfer 7, Cammack 6, Moss 6, Goodlass 7.
Halifax: Smelt 7, Goodman 6, Carr 7, Evans 7, Ayre 6, Hendrie 7, ★FIRTH 8, Davison 7, Graham 6, Spooner 6, Ward 6 (sub. Kendall).
Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0 BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0

Att: 18,593

Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Richardson 6, Garner 7, Charles 6, MacPhail 6, ★KENWORTHY 8, Morris 7, Trusson 7, Edwards 6, Hutton 7, King 6.
Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 7, Sulley 7, Spackman 7, Brignull 7, ★IMPEY 8, Carter 7, O'Donnell 6, Crawford 6, Morgan 6, Funnell 6.
Referee: P. J. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Morgan (Bournemouth)

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Brown 50) STOCKPORT (0) 0

Att: 1,619

Torquay: O'Keefe 6, Smith 6, Wilson 7, Jones 6, Lawrence 6, Rioch 7, ★BROWN 8, Cox 6, Cooper 7, Tainton 6, Winn 5 (sub. Wheeldon 6).
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 6, Sherlock 6, Ellison 5, Thorpe 6, Smith 6, Williams 6, Phillips 5, Coyle 6, ★PARK 7, Sunley 6.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Williams 2) ALDERSHOT (0) 0

Att: 1,242

Transmere: Endersby 6, Parry 6, Mungall 6, Burgess 6, Williams 7, ★HUTCHINSON 8, Hamilton 6, Powell 7, Kerr 6, Craven 6, Griffiths 6 (sub. Brown 6).
Aldershot: Horn 7, Edwards 6, Scott 6, ★WANKLYN 8, Bennett 6, Jopling 7, Lucas 6 (sub. Robinson 6), Sanford 6, French 6, McDonald 6, Brodie 7.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (0) 1 (Houghton 73) ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Martinez 2)

Att: 6,153

Wigan: Tunks 7, McMahon 7, Glenn 6 (sub. Quinn 6), Lloyd 5, Methven 6, Butler 6, Barrow 6, Bradd 7, Houghton 6, ★TAYLOR 8, Cribble 5.
Rochdale: Crawford 7, Warriner 7, Dolan 7, Taylor 6, Weir 6, Snookes 6, Hamilton 6, O'Loughlin 6, Wellings 7, Hilditch 7, ★MARTINEZ 8.
Referee: K. P. Barrett (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (0) 2 (McGhee 55, Black 73) AIRDRIE (0) 0

Att: 8,000

Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6, Rougvie 7, McMaster 6, McLeish 7, ★MILLER 8, Black 7, Simpson 6, McGhee 6 (sub. Jarvie), Bell 6 (sub. Watson 7), Weir 6.
Airdrie: Martin 7, Cairney 6, Rodger 6, Anderson, N 6, March 6, Gordon 6, ★WALKER 8, Clark 7, Campbell 6 (sub. Erwin), Flood 6, McKeown 6.
Referee: A. Waddell (Penicuik)
Match Rating: ★★

HIBERNIAN (0) 2 (Jamieson 52, Murray pen 75) ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Stark, pen 88)

Att: 4,070

Hiba: Rae 6, Sneddon 7, Docherty 6, Brazil 6, Paterson 7, McNamara 6, Flavell 7, Jamieson 6 (sub. MacLeod), Rodier 7, ★MURRAY 8, Turnbull 6.
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Curran 6, Abercrombie 7 (sub. McEachran), Fitzpatrick 7, Fulton 6, Copland 7, ★RICHARDSON 8, Stark 6, Somner 7, McAvennie 6, Scanlon 6 (sub. Logan 6).
Referee: B. Robertson (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★

PARTICK (0) 0 CELTIC (0) 3 (Crainie 51, 75, 85)

Att: 14,200

Partick: Rough 6, McKinnon 7, Whittaker 6, Lapsley 7, Dunlop 6, Watson 7 (sub. MacDonald), Park 6, Jardine 7, Doyle 6, Johnston 6, O'Hara 6 (sub. Clark).

Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Reid 6, Aitken 7, McAdam 6, MacLeod 7, Provan 6, Sullivan 7, McCluskey 7, Burns 6, ★CRAINIE 8.
Referee: G. B. Smith (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (1) 1 (MacDonald 24) DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Bannon, pen 60)

Att: 10,000

Rangers: Stewart 7, Dawson 6, Black 7, Jardine 6, McClelland 6, Bett 6 (sub. Redford 6), Russell 7, McAdam 6, MacDonald 6, Dalziel 7 (sub. Cooper 6), ★JOHNSTONE 8, Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Malpas 6, ★GOUGH 8, Holt 6, Hegarty 7, Narey 6, Bannon 7, Milne 6, Kirkwood 7, Sturrock 6, Dodds 6.
Referee: B. McGinley (Balfour)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

AYR (2) 3 (McAllister 20, Ward 44, Ahern, pen 87) HAMILTON (1) 2 (Craig 18, McDowall 55)

Att: 1,079

Dumbarton (0) 0
Kilmarnock (0) 2 (McDicken 82, 82)
Att: 800

Dunfermline (1) 1 (McCarthy 31)
Hearts (0) 2 (Robertson 84, MacDonald 81)
Att: 1,620

Falkirk (2) 3 (Ward 66 secs, Smith 43, Hoggan, pen 82)

Raith (0) 2 (Gibson, pen 47, 74)
Att: 2,000

MOTHERWELL (0) 0 CLYDEBANK (0) 0

Att: 3,689

Queen of the South (1) 1 (Alexander 55)
Queens Park (1) 2 (Wood 26, Gilmour 83)
Att: 300

St Johnstone (3) 7 (Beedie 4, Brogan 14, 66, McNeill 44, 70, Rutherford 54, 76)
East Stirling (0) 1 (McGorn, pen 47)
Att: 1,069

Second Division

ARBROATH (1) 2 (Gavine 23, Robb 76) ALBION (0) 0

Att: 510

Berwick (0) 0
Stenhousemuir (2) 2 (Jenkins 5, Munn 45)
Att: 743

FORFAR (0) 0 BRECHIN (0) 0

Att: 1,307

Montrose (1) 1 (Oliver, pen 1)
Meadowbank (0) 0

Att: 200

Stirling (1) 3 (Stewart, og 28, MacKenzie, og 46, Leeton 58)

Alloa (1) 2 (Grant 16, 90)
Att: 1,100

STRANRAER (0) 1 (Taylor 83) COWDENBEATH (0) 0

Att: 250

LEADING SCORERS (League, Cups, Total)

Division One

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|
| Keegan (Southampton) | 24 | 2 | 26 |
| Rush (Liverpool) | 15 | 11 | 26 |
| Brazil (Ipswich) | 18 | 6 | 24 |
| Regis (West Brom) | 14 | 8 | 22 |
| Wark (Ipswich) | 17 | 4 | 21 |
| Cassells (Southampton) | 10 | 11 | 21 |
| (10-11 with Oxford) | | | |
| Harford (Birmingham) | 15 | 3 | 18 |
| (11-3 with Bristol City) | | | |
| McDermott (Liverpool) | 14 | 3 | 17 |
| Dalglish (Liverpool) | 10 | 7 | 17 |
| Cross (West Ham) | 14 | 3 | 17 |

Division Two

| | | | |
|------------------------|----|---|----|
| Stainrod (QPR) | 14 | 7 | 21 |
| Moore (Rotherham) | 18 | 2 | 20 |
| Bannister (Sheff Wed) | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| Houchen (Orient) | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| (18-1 with Hartlepool) | | | |
| Varadi (Newcastle) | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| Lineker (Leicester) | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| Blissett (Watford) | 15 | 3 | 18 |
| White (Luton) | 16 | 1 | 17 |
| Allen (QPR) | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| Atkins (Shrewsbury) | 15 | 2 | 17 |

Division Three

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|---|----|
| Davies (Fulham) | 22 | 1 | 23 |
| Kellow (Exeter) | 20 | 1 | 21 |
| Phillips (Southend) | 18 | 2 | 20 |
| (10-2 with Northampton) | | | |
| Thomas (Oxford) | 14 | 4 | 18 |
| Robson (Carlisle) | 14 | 3 | 17 |
| Bruce (Preston) | 16 | 1 | 17 |
| Rafferty (Portsmouth) | 15 | 2 | 17 |

Division Four

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----|---|----|
| Madden (Bury) | 30 | 7 | 37 |
| Edwards (Sheff Utd) | 29 | 1 | 30 |
| (1-0 with Hull) | | | |
| Cooke (Peterborough) | 24 | 4 | 28 |
| Mutrie (Hull) | 27 | 1 | 28 |
| Allinson (Colchester) | 20 | 5 | 25 |
| Campbell (Bradford) | 21 | 3 | 24 |
| Bremner (Colchester) | 19 | 3 | 22 |
| Walwyn (York) | 20 | 2 | 22 |
| Gallagher (Bradford) | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| Bradd (Wigan) | 17 | 1 | 18 |

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----|---|----|
| Sturrock (Dundee Utd) | 12 | 8 | 20 |
| McCluskey (Celtic) | 18 | 3 | 21 |
| Dodds (Dundee Utd) | 13 | 5 | 18 |
| MacDonald (Dundee) | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| Bannon (Rangers Utd) | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| Clark (Airdrie) | 15 | 2 | 17 |
| McAvennie (St Mirren) | 12 | 4 | 16 |

First Division

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----|---|----|
| Miller (Clydebank) | 18 | 4 | 22 |
| Cleland (Motherwell) | 19 | 1 | 20 |
| Pettigrew (Hearts) | 17 | 3 | 20 |
| Frye (Ayr) | 11 | 8 | 19 |
| McLaughlin (Motherwell) | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| McNaughton (Dunfermline) | 14 | 3 | 17 |
| Morton (St Johnstone) | 15 | 2 | 17 |

Second Division

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----|---|----|
| Forrest (Cowdenbeath) | 16 | 8 | 24 |
| Robb (Arbroath) | 18 | 5 | 23 |
| Campbell (Brechin) | 16 | 5 | 21 |
| Lawson (Berwick) | 16 | 5 | 21 |
| Masterton (Clyde) | 20 | 1 | 21 |
| Jobson (Meadowbank) | 14 | 6 | 20 |
| Davidson (Berwick) | 10 | 7 | 17 |

League tables.

Division One

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Liverpool | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | P |
| Ipswich | 36 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 34 | 13 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 37 | 15 | 75 |
| Swansea | 37 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 41 | 20 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 25 | 27 | 71 |
| Man. Utd. | 37 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 32 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 21 | 30 | 66 |
| Southampton | 37 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 24 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 19 | 65 |
| Tottenham | 38 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 43 | 25 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 22 | 32 | 62 |
| Arsenal | 33 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 34 | 21 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 22 | 13 | 61 |
| West Ham | 37 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 17 | 21 | 58 |
| Everton | 37 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 38 | 25 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 23 | 24 | 55 |
| Man. City | 38 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 30 | 20 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 17 | 26 | 54 |
| Nott'm. For. | 37 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 17 | 17 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 20 | 25 | 51 |
| Aston Villa | 36 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 23 | 18 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 26 | 28 | 50 |
| Brighton | 38 | 7 | 5 | 28 | 23 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 23 | 49 | 49 |
| Notts County | 36 | 7 | 5 | 27 | 25 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 27 | 33 | 43 | 48 |
| Coventry | 37 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 25 | 28 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 17 | 32 | 42 |
| Sunderland | 37 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 25 | 28 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 17 | 24 | 37 |
| Birmingham | 36 | 8 | 5 | 29 | 23 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 15 | 31 | 36 | 36 |
| Stoke | 36 | 7 | 10 | 21 | 26 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 16 | 30 | 36 | 36 |
| Wolves | 38 | 7 | 5 | 16 | 17 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 12 | 40 | 36 | 36 |
| West Brom. | 35 | 5 | 6 | 21 | 19 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 27 | 35 | 35 |
| Leeds | 35 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 18 | 16 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 35 | 34 |
| Middlesbro | 37 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 19 | 21 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 10 | 24 | 32 |

Division Two

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| Luton | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | P |
| Watford | 37 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 15 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 33 | 24 | 75 |
| Sheff W. | 38 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 29 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 21 | 23 | 65 | 65 |
| Leicester | 35 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 29 | 13 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 22 | 23 | 62 |
| Norwich | 38 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 37 | 18 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 18 | 28 | 62 |
| Q.P.R. | 37 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 31 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 19 | 28 | 60 |
| Rotherham | 38 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 36 | 16 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 20 | 31 | 60 |
| Barnsley | 37 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 30 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 22 | 25 | 57 |
| Newcastle | 38 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 26 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 19 | 31 | 56 |
| Blackburn | 38 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 21 | 13 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 20 | 35 | 55 |
| Chelsea | 38 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 34 | 26 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 22 | 29 | 54 |
| Oldham | 38 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 26 | 22 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 18 | 26 | 52 |
| Charlton | 38 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 31 | 21 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 17 | 38 | 47 |
| Derby | 37 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 29 | 20 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 18 | 41 | 43 |
| Crystal P. | 36 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 21 | 18 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 18 | 42 |
| Cambridge | 38 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 26 | 19 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 32 | 41 |
| Wrexham | 38 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 22 | 21 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 15 | 26 | 40 |
| Bolton | 38 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 22 | 21 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 29 | 40 |
| Cardiff | 37 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 26 | 28 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 15 | 28 | 39 |
| Shrewsbury | 37 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 23 | 19 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 29 | 39 |
| Grimsby | 36 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 22 | 27 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 21 | 30 | 37 |
| Orient | 36 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 18 | 18 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 11 | 33 | 34 |

Division Three

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|--------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Carlisle | ... | 40 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 5 | 8 | 17 | 23 | 73 | ... |
| Fulham | ... | 39 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 38 | 19 | 8 | 6 | 27 | 23 | 69 |
| Lincoln | ... | 41 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 37 | 16 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 23 | 67 |
| Oxford | ... | 40 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 27 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 32 | 25 |
| Burnley | ... | 40 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 31 | 16 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 25 | 24 |
| Southend | ... | 41 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 30 | 19 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 24 | 23 |
| Brentford | ... | 41 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 23 | 15 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 25 | 23 |
| Chesterfield | ... | 40 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 30 | 22 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 21 | 25 |
| Plymouth | ... | 42 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 35 | 20 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 24 | 29 |
| Gillingham | ... | 40 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 34 | 24 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 27 |
| Reading | ... | 42 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 41 | 33 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 19 | 35 |
| Bristol Rv. | ... | 41 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 33 | 23 | 5 | 11 | 21 | 35 | 55 |
| Huddersfield | ... | 41 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 32 | 24 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 26 | 35 |
| Porlsmouth | ... | 40 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 26 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 18 | 30 | 53 |
| Millwall | ... | 38 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 28 | 23 | 5 | 8 | 21 | 26 | 53 |
| Sheff Wed | ... | 39 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 31 | 24 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 24 | 29 |
| Walsall | ... | 41 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 30 | 22 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 18 | 27 |
| Preston | ... | 40 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 20 | 21 | 5 | 8 | 22 | 29 | 49 |
| Doncaster | ... | 41 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 28 | 20 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 22 | 49 |
| Newport | ... | 40 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 23 | 19 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 20 | 45 |
| Swindon | ... | 38 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 30 | 33 | 3 | 8 | 17 | 29 | 45 |
| Wimbledon | ... | 39 | 8 | 5 | 25 | 24 | 2 | 5 | 32 | 37 | 37 | ... |
| Reading City | ... | 40 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 24 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 20 | 42 |
| Chester | ... | 40 | 2 | 10 | 8 | 15 | 25 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 22 | 42 |

SIZZLER!

Focus on the former North East factory worker who has found international fame with England . . .

England call-up for the Magpie who once had a sausage role

NEWCASTLE striker Chris Waddle thought his manager was joking when told that he had been selected for the England Under-21 squad.

"I turned back as I left the manager's office to ask him again whether he was pulling my leg because I just couldn't believe it," says the 21-year-old newcomer to England's squad for the European Championship Semi-Final clash with Scotland on April 19.

"At this stage of the season, I thought my chance had gone, but to be included in a squad for the Semi-Finals of the European Championship was just unbelievable."

It's not surprising that Chris, the cousin of former Liverpool and Swansea striker Alan Waddle, was shocked by his international recognition.

Just 18 months ago, he was working in a sausage seasoning factory in his native North East when a career in League football seemed a million miles away, let alone an England call-up.

He has achieved the honour in his first full season in League football, and, although an impressive contributor to Newcastle's late bid for promotion from Division Two, he had managed only five League goals up to Easter.

"Last season, everything I hit in the reserves was going in. This season I have been hitting just as many shots, but they have been saved or gone off target," says Chris, who was rejected by Coventry and Sunderland before given a chance by Newcastle.

"I am obviously

disappointed with my goal tally, but I have been playing well in other aspects."

Chris was spotted by Newcastle three seasons ago while playing in the Northern League with Tow Law Town, and given his League chance mid-way through last season.

The opportunity arrived at a time when Chris thought his chance of following cousin Alan into League football had disappeared.

"I always believed that I could make the grade if given the chance, but it was a real sickener when Sunderland turned me down because they were the team I followed all over the country as a youngster," he says.

"I was on Coventry's books as a schoolboy but they released me when I left school and I had a two-week trial with Sunderland."

"But they reckoned they already had players on their books who were either of the same calibre or better."

"I had the chance of talks with Barnsley, but I decided to stay around the North East in the hope of getting another chance."

After just one season with Tow Law Town, Newcastle stepped in.

"I'm glad I waited for a chance in the North East because Newcastle are a great club with great support," he says.

"My great ambition now is to play in the First Division with them."

"We may have left it too late this season, but there is always a chance while it's mathematically possible."

"Once in the First Division, then anything above that will be a big bonus for me."



Chris Waddle — "unbelievable" England chance.

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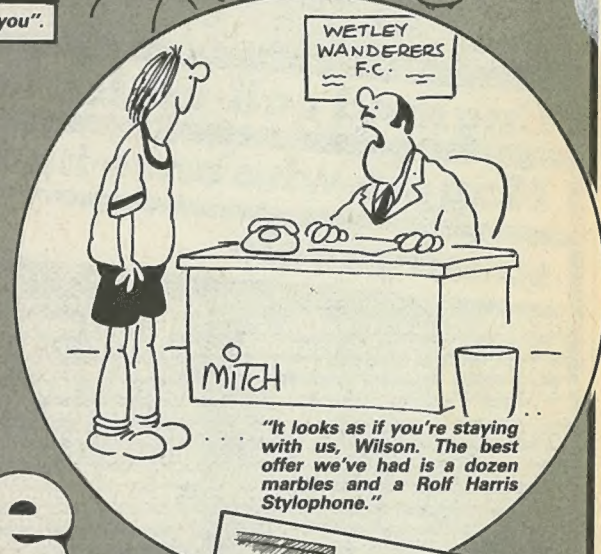
"That's not the sort
of hat-trick I mean,
Sweeney."



It's Fun Time



"We've still got a bit to pay on his transfer fee."



"It looks as if you're staying
with us, Wilson. The best
offer we've had is a dozen
marbles and a Rolf Harris
Stylophone."



"Arnold can't afford the fare to
Spain so he's practising walking
it."

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by MITCH

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HAVE TO LEARN
TO RELAX!

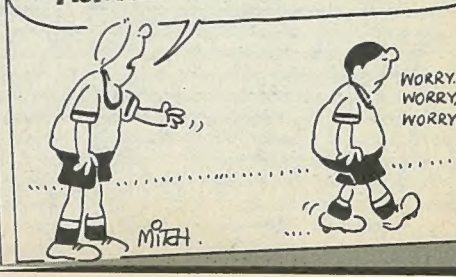


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PRE-MATCH NERVES.
ESPECIALLY IN A
CUP-TIE....



... BUT NOT USUALLY THREE
MONTHS BEFORE THE KICK-OFF!



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WORRY...

WE BADLY NEED A STRIKER, SAYS PETER NICHOLAS OFF TARGET!

ARSENAL midfielder Peter Nicholas has spoken of his club's need for a top class striker.

Since the departure of Eire international Frank Stapleton to Manchester United in the close season, the 'Gunners' have found goals difficult to come by.

They've even had to endure taunts of 'boring' from their own fans and the Welsh international admits: "There have been games that we've drawn 1-1 this season which we could have won by three or four goals if we'd had a recognised striker.

"There's no getting away from the fact that we've missed Frank's height and experience. We need someone in the same mould to replace him.

"Last season, there was a target man to aim for when we got the ball. This term, we've had to look for other alternatives.

Pattern

"Frank's departure has meant we've been too eager this season. We've been trying to do too much with the ball instead of just playing to a pattern.

"We have been creating chances, but there's been no-one to put them away," added Peter, who joined the club from Crystal Palace for £400,000 in March, 1981.

"Of course, some fans have got on our backs because we haven't scored many goals, but I feel they could have been a little more patient.

"It's very difficult to score against a team that has nine men behind the ball, but the fans pay good money to come and watch us and they expect goals and excitement.

"Coach Don Howe never tells us to go out and defend. Our

intention is always to attack."

Ironically, it was 22-year-old Peter who looked set to make way for a recognised striker when it seemed that Arsenal manager Terry Neill had agreed a swop plus cash deal with Coventry for England Under-21 striker Garry Thompson.

"There had been talk of a deal for some time but the first definite thing I heard was when I was on tour with Wales in Spain.

"It wasn't until I got back on transfer deadline day that I heard the deal had fallen through.

"I don't want to leave Highbury because I'm determined to do well here. It hasn't been a great first season for me at the club because I've been in and out of the team.

"But I'm going to battle to establish myself in the side because I believe Arsenal have a very good future ahead of them.

"We're going through a period of transition at the moment and the manager has brought in a lot of young players. Despite that, we've always been in the top half of the First Division this season.

Peter Nicholas — ironically, at one stage, he looked set for a swop deal that would have taken a new striker to Highbury.

"When other teams go through a rebuilding phase, they usually have to drop into the Second Division. Arsenal haven't done and that shows the quality we've got here.

"Even though I've had my problems on the field, I'm happy here. It's great being involved with a big-time set up."

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NEIL SMILLIE

CRYSTAL PALACE

FULL NAME: Neil Smillie.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Barnsley, July 19, 1958.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 6½in/10st 10lb.
MARRIED: Yes, to Penny.
CHILDREN: None.
CAR: Ford Capri 2.0 S.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Memphis Rogues and Brentford on loan.
WORST EVER INJURY: Nothing serious yet.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: John Robertson, the best winger in Britain.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Ipswich.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona ... he's so skilful and exciting.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, McGrain, Moore, O'Leary, Sansom, Brady, Ball, R. Charlton, Matthews, Law, Best.
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), Vogts (W. Germany), Moore (England), Facchetti (Italy), Marinho (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), R. Charlton (England), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Best (N. Ireland), Pele (Brazil), Maradona (Argentina).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: White Hart Lane.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Seattle.
BEST GOAL SCORED: For Memphis against Fort Lauderdale in 1978.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Glenn Hoddle's against Manchester United last season.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Arsenal's Kenny Sansom.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: This season's F.A. Cup quarter final tie with Queen's Park Rangers.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing against my childhood idol George Best in America.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not playing regularly in Palace's promotion winning side from Division Two in 1978-79.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Fish or toast.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To have a healthy family.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play in a successful side.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Palace's Gavin Nebelling.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Bjorn Borg.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard and enjoy the game.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, golf and water ski-ing.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: My dog, Barney, eating with friends and holidays.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking and washing up.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Hill Street Blues.
TV SHOW YOU SWITCH OFF: Mr and Mrs.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Christopher Cross and Stevie Wonder.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk and wine.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: John Hurt and Jacquie Bisset.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: "Raiders of the Lost Ark."
BEST FRIEND: Gary Goodchild, now playing in Norway.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Father.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Seeing friends get injured or transferred.

Neil Smillie

